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LAMBERT'S PRIDE IN HIS LIONS

Saints striker thrilled to see fellow Saints Lallana and Rodriguez make England debuts

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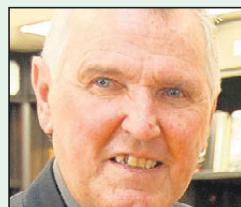
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Non-league Action

Reason to be cheerful

EASTLEIGH won their first FA Trophy match for three years as they came away with a 2-1 victory at Maidstone.

Coach problems caused a significant element of the Eastleigh supporters to miss the first half hour of the game. Eastleigh recalled Chris Dillon in place of Chris Todd in their starting line-up.

Early on Maidstone had a bit of pressure with successive corners involving a couple of goal-line clearances and a couple of saves by Eastleigh goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Eastleigh, however, began to get into the game with Lee Wordan also called into action and Jai Reason hitting the post.

In the 41st minute Eastleigh took the lead when Reason flicked the ball on to CRAIG McALLISTER who finished clinically.

In the 50th minute a flick-on by Rory Hill enabled FRANNIE COLLIN to continue his good scoring record against Eastleigh.

However, six minutes later Worgan was adjudged to have fouled Yemi Odubade and JAI REASON, pictured above, converted the resulting penalty.

After that Alex Brown hit the top of the bar and Rory Hill also had a powerful shot just off target.

Stuart Fleetwood made a welcome return from injury as substitute and he looked lively as he ran out on to the pitch.

From one of his crosses McAllister came close to scoring his second goal but was denied by a brilliant save by Lee Worgan.

Eastleigh seemed certain to concede following one goal-mouth scramble, but somehow the ball stayed out.

Then Chris Dillon made a goal-line clearance to keep out Alex Fisher.

Right in the last minute of time added on Maidstone had a penalty appeal for hand-ball turned down.

But it was Eastleigh who go through to the next round and they will discover who their next opponents will be on Monday.

FA VASE SECOND ROUND: FOLLAND SPORTS 1 SHOLING 2

CARTER'S DERBY DELIGHT

SHOLING went marching on in the FA Vase at Folland Sports this afternoon but were given a stern examination by their neighbours in an end-to-end second round tie.

After Lee Wort had given the Boatmen an early lead, Follands hit back with a Jamie Barron penalty before Mike Carter conjured up a 37th minute winner to see the visitors through 2-1, writes WENDY GEE.

With Ryan Long suspended and Daniel Mason not fully fit, Follands sprang a match day surprise by handing a frontline debut to Saul Otobo – an ex-Histon striker signed from Lowestoft Town.

It was the underdogs who had the first sight of goal after four minutes when Jamie Betteridge's back header from Pip Nolan's long throw was put behind for a corner.

But it was Sholing who took the lead on seven minutes when the predatory Lee WORT nipped in front of goalkeeper Ryan Gosney to meet Tyrone Bowers' deep free kick from the left and hook it goalwards and see it over the line.

With Follands having to double up to keep Bowers at bay on the left, the tigerish midfielder bit back on 14 minutes at the expense of a booking.

Two minutes later Otobo got his first opening, sent clear after some good work by Mike Turvey, but keeper Matt Brown was down sharply to gather.

Otobo then returned the favour, nodding the ball down to Turvey on the edge of the area, but the ex-Gosport man dragged his first time shot well wide.

Despite the slippery surface, the game had a good flow to it and Sholing were next to threaten when Wort escaped Matt Burt's attentions down the left and centred low for Ashley Jarvis. Despite having a defender breathing down his neck, the ex-Follands marksman managed to dig out a shot but Gosney was right behind it.

Follands were knocking the ball around nicely in Sholing's half and got a foothold back into the game on 32 minutes via the penalty spot.

Turvey did brilliantly to slalom his way diagonally, left to right, across the area before having his legs taken from under him by Byron Mason as he looked for an opening at the far post.

Mason was booked before opposing skipper Jamie BARRON beat Brown with a well struck spot kick to the keeper's right to make it 1-1.

Mason almost made instant amends but his header from Bowers' free kick went just over.



FORWARD PUSH:
Folland Sports' Mike Turvey bursts into the Sholing penalty area before being brought down by Byron Mason.

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Fareham crash out

FAREHAM Town were sent spinning out of the FA Vase when Bristol-based Bitton beat them 3-0 at Cams Alders.

Both teams were reduced to ten men either side of half-time, with Fareham defender Lee Tigwell seeing red for a reckless challenge and Bitton's Matt Barnes sent off for a second bookable offence soon after half-time.

The tone of an unedifying, foul-ridden second round tie was set in the opening five minutes when three players were cautioned.

Then, at the other end, James Roden tested Brown with a well-struck volley.

The next goal could have gone either way but it was Sholing who got it on 37 minutes following some neat play on the right.

Full-back Mike CARTER charged through on the overlap and arrowed a thumping shot which went under Gosney and into the far bottom corner.

Barron was then unlucky with a free kick from the left that so nearly fell for Otobo at the far post.

Carter then unleashed another thunderous angled strike from the right which Gosney claimed at the second attempt.

Five minutes later it became ten-a-side when Poole referee Ben Cobb sent Bitton's Matt Barnes off for a foul, his second bookable offence.

Bitton increased their lead with a route-one second goal.

Goalkeeper John Rendell picked out BRYAN with a 65-yard drop-kick down field and the visitors' striker coolly drilled a low shot past Fareham goalkeeper Luke Douglas.

Bitton tied things up with a third goal mid-way through the second half – BEN SPILL glancing a free kick past Douglas to make it 3-0.

Two minutes into stoppage time Gosney pulled off a top-drawer save, tipping over Bowers' venomous first-time strike from the edge of the box.

The second half continued in the same end-to-end vein with Jarvis having a shot deflected wide for a corner and then Nolan thrashing the ball into the side netting for the planemakers.

On 64 minutes Follands' 16-year-old striker Betteridge had a sight of goal but, before he had made up his mind to shoot, the experienced Marc Diaper had nipped up behind to dispossess him.

That was to prove Diaper's last contribution as the Sholing left-back went off injured on 68 minutes with Danny Cox

replacing him.

Three minutes later Sholing introduced a second sub, Marvin McLean, for Barry Mason on the right and Follands then replaced young Betteridge with Alex Easton.

With 15 minutes to play Otobo went to ground as he squeezed between two Sholing defenders, but shouts for a penalty were turned down.

With the game becoming scrappy, the referee awarded Follands a free kick on the advice of his linesman and booked Pete Castle, but Barron's free kick drifted harmlessly over.

Towering midfielder Lewis Fennemore became ever more prominent for Sholing in the closing stages, having a shot from a corner well saved by Gosney.

Then Fennemore did well again, charging the ball down in his own box before bursting down the right and picking out the run of Lee Wort with an exquisite pass. But the striker's shot lacked the power to trouble the Follands keeper.

The latter stages were all Sholing with Wort hitting the side netting after a tremendous burst forward by Carter, Fennemore hitting the outside of Gosney's right-hand post and Matt Graham denying Byron Mason with a last-ditch goalline clearance.



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Lallana is hungry for more

SAINTS captain Adam Lallana is determined his first taste of England duty in the 2-0 defeat by Chile at Wembley will not be his last.

The 25-year-old midfielder was handed his first senior start on Friday night, along with St Mary's teammate Jay Rodriguez, although Saints striker Rickie Lambert missed out through injury.

However, apart from a couple of half chances, one of which Lallana saw deflected behind, England's much-changed attack never really clicked as a brace from Barcelona forward Alexis Sanchez, the second coming deep into stoppage time, settled matters at Wembley.

Lallana has now set his sights on becoming a permanent fixture in Roy Hodgson's plans for the 2014 World Cup.

"I am massively determined," he said. "It is obviously the pinnacle of everyone really that's involved in the game."

"It is every child's dream to represent their country and I am happy I fulfilled that. I am just hungry for more now."



DEBUT: Jay Rodriguez and Adam Lallana before England's clash with Chile.

"I was proud to get my first cap, but obviously disappointed with the result."

Lallana added: "I had a couple of chances first half. I felt I snatched especially at the second one. It was just a little bit under my feet. I think it might have taken a deflection - it was possibly creeping in the bottom corner."

"I gave it everything and got through 75 minutes and was obviously delighted to represent my country. I hope it is not the last time."

Lallana added: "We will analyse the game now and see where we can improve on in the next game, because we do not want to lose two games in a row here."

Rodriguez was deployed on the left of a front three.

The 24-year-old also felt it was an occasion to savour, despite the disappointing final outcome.

"It is an unbelievable experience - even singing the national anthems," he said. "I couldn't believe it when I found out I was starting. Obviously it is what I have always wanted."

"It is just disappointing we didn't get the result. It is a learning curve for me. The standard is unbelievable, but I am learning so much in a short space of time."



ON THE BALL: Adam Lallana takes on Chile's Eugenio Mena and, top, Jay Rodriguez in action for England.

SAINTS' DEBUT DUO MAKE RICKIE PROUD

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Lambert, who missed out on a fourth international cap because of a muscle strain, was a frustrated spectator, but was nonetheless thrilled to watch his two fellow St Mary's stars pull on the England shirt.

"I was made up for them," said the striker, who will be assessed by the Football Association's medical team on Sunday, ahead of Tuesday night's visit of Germany.

"I'm so proud, and I thought they did well in a very, very hard game."

"They're disappointed they've lost, and obviously they would have liked to have been in a winning team, but that's the same as everyone, but it doesn't always work like that."

"Like I said to both of them, it was a very good Chile side that they came up against."

"It's just harsh their first international has come against such a good team."

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The England manager, Roy Hodgson, was pleased with Lallana's performance, and, while Rodriguez did not have such an impact, the Three Lions boss admitted it was always likely to be a challenging introduction for him.

"Lallana did well," said Hodgson. "Rodriguez worked hard, did all the right things, but it was a big ask for him to play in that position."

"We have so many wide players injured or missing that his opportunity came a bit earlier than he'd have liked, and against opposition a bit stronger than he'd have liked."

"But I'm not disappointed with any of them and I'd not write any of them off on the basis of that game."

The England captain on Friday night, Frank Lampard, who was winning his 100th cap, also reserved praise for Lallana.

"I thought he was very lively," said the Chelsea mid-fielder.

"Both Southampton boys deserved their chances and on another day he [Lallana] might have had two goals on his debut."

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CAN SAINTS WIN THE LEAGUE?

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

At what point do you dare to dream?

That should be the question on every Saints fan's lips right now.

At what point do you start to actually believe this club could win the league?

As a Saints fan you're no doubt writing off our chances as we speak.

We couldn't possibly challenge for the title.

Could we?

The sad truth is that if we were talking about another football club, playing the sort of football we are, in the position we are in, with the big clubs misfiring left, right and centre, you'd be tempted to say anything's possible.

So why is it so hard to talk up our chances?

Have 20 years of patch and make do made us believe we're destined to screw up at some stage?

Have 20 years of Sky Sports and domination by money rich clubs made us believe that you can't win anything without chucking money at it?

I've stated in this column many times this season, that Sir Alex Ferguson's retirement is the biggest game changer in English football for the last 20 years.

It may be a slight on his numerous achievements in-between, but for opening up the title race in such a dramatic fashion it's simply massive.

Gone is the fear factor that Manchester United held for so long.

They look beatable, they look fragile – as do Manchester City, Chelsea and Liverpool.

All of the big clubs have fallen to surprise defeats.

None of them have that air of invincibility that United had.

Any one of eight teams could realistically win the title, it's that close.

The chances are, whoever wins the title this season will do so with the smallest points total in Premier League history.

Do I think Saints can win the title?

No, I don't.

But if we did win the title then it would be the biggest sporting upset in recent history.

In short it would be the biggest shake up in English football and would change the landscape of it too.

It's that big.

Imagine, no longer would could you



write off a team simply because they hadn't spent huge amounts of money.

You could win the title by getting the right players, in the right formation, with the right tactics.

I had a bit of an argument with a Spurs supporting friend of mine in regards to this.

It all stemmed from the fact that I'd commented that Tottenham were actually better off with Bale than with £90 million odd of new talent.

He duly advised me that we'd spent big money too... or rather big money for a club like Southampton.

£30 million plus is indeed big money for us, but before we started to "over-achieve" how many people commented on the likes of Dejan Lovren or Victor Wanyama when Saints signed them?

If anything, the consensus of opinion was that Saints had paid over the odds for the two players when they signed for us.

You can't have it both ways.

You can't say we over paid for players one minute and then accuse us of "overspending" when those players exceed your expectations.

The inclusion of Adam Lallana in the England squad is a point in question.

After Saturday's sensational goal against Hull, people are now starting to take him seriously.

But why should it take a "wonder goal" for someone like Lallana, pictured right, to be taken seriously as an England player? Why should it be that unless you play for a top five side you're not considered England material?

Why is it that, even if you are picked, the inference is that if you played regularly for a "bigger club" you'd stand a better chance of cementing that place?

In Lallana's case, this is a player who is performing against the best defences in the Premier League.

Surely if you can do that then you should merit a place over someone who plays for that club?

Adam is there on merit and I can't wait to see him play for his country.



Remember Le Tiss do you Glenn?

I COULDN'T let this week go without mentioning a breath-taking piece of hypocrisy from former Southampton and England manager Glenn Hoddle in an article for website *bleacher-report.com*.

In it Hoddle bemoans the lack of flair players in the England set up and how Adama Lallana is a breath of fresh air.

He states: "I'm truly mystified why it has taken Adam Lallana so long to break in to the England set-up. It leaves me wondering whether it is symptomatic of a lingering belief that English football still doesn't trust the truly gifted individual. He has always had the talent. So why has he had to wait so long for his chance?"

This is the same Hoddle who ignored one of the most naturally gifted players of the last 20 years.

The man who made Matthew Le Tissier jump through hoops before cruelly discarding him after a sensational display for the England B side prior to the 1998 World Cup.

The man who saw us limp through the group stages and then cover up the cracks with a controversial defeat to Argentina.

I can understand why managers wimp out when it comes to flair play-



HYPOCRISY: Glenn Hoddle.

ers, I really can.

The media place such pressure on managers, especially England managers, that the slightest stumble and they rip any decision he makes apart.

Luxury players are, sadly, just that – a luxury.

Great when they work and the first to be discarded when something goes wrong, so I do understand why they don't get picked.

But for a player like Hoddle, who should have got so many more England caps than he did, to then ignore a player like Le Tissier is just unforgivable.

To do that and then have the sheer nerve to criticise the current England regime for taking so long to pick this generation's Le Tissier goes beyond hypocritical...

It exposes a gigantic personality flaw, as being someone that cannot deal with players that he perceives as possibly being better than him and subconsciously derailing their chances.

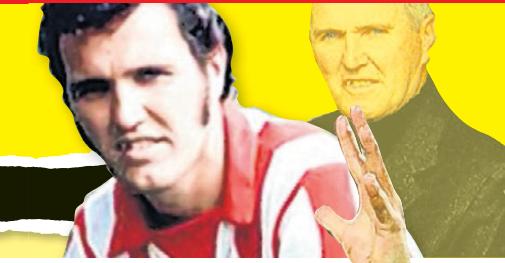
Hoddle was a great player, of that there's no doubt.

But he is an egotistical human being with no man management skills whatsoever.

I will never forgive him for the way he treated Saints' greatest ever play-

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



Could this finally be Ronaldo's moment?

AS Cristiano Ronaldo stood there saluting the crowd following the first of his three goals against Seville, there was little doubt amongst those at the Santiago Bernabeu that they were watching the best player in the world.

His salute was a reference to Sepp Blatter, who had some less than flattering things to say about the Portuguese revelation, proclaiming his allegiance to a certain diminutive Argentinian.

Ronaldo would follow that hat-trick up with another against Real Sociedad, his 19th in a stupendous four-year spell at the club.

In any other generation Ronaldo would've been hailed as the best player in the world, receiving the glory and accolades that accompany such a title.

As it stands, he's won the title just once, back in 2008.

Since then Lionel Messi has become the sole-owner of the Ballon d'Or, with the nearest challengers unable to take it from him.

But after four years his grip is finally loosening, as Franck Ribery and Ronaldo await their chance. Ribery has already claimed the European Footballer of the year, but there remains a case that he is taking the plaudits for the exploits of Bayern Munich rather than his individual brilliance.

There is no doubt as to the Frenchman's ability to change a game, but when matched up against Messi and Ronaldo, he remains some way behind.

With Messi out for the rest of the year

thanks to yet another hamstring injury, it is Ronaldo's time to step out of the far-reaching shadow cast by such a small frame.

He maintains that the award doesn't matter to him, but that is a defence mechanism for the inevitable disappointment.

To be voted by your peers as the best footballer in the world is the highest honour any footballer can achieve and it would be just reward for the professionalism he has shown throughout his career.

While Messi, right, possesses freakish abilities with the ball at his feet, Ronaldo is a physical specimen – one that has been crafted through hours in the gym and on the training field.

Having joined Manchester United as a precocious teenager from Sporting Lisbon, he rose to become the best player in the world under the tutelage of Sir Alex Ferguson, claiming the crown following a stupendous 08/09 season.

A prodigious talent, of that there was no doubt, Ronaldo was at times infuriating to watch as his moments

of brilliance were interspersed with petulance and endless showboating.

It is a reputation he has failed to shrug off even as he approaches 30. As evidenced by Blatter's ill-advised comments, the head honchos at FIFA still believe him to be a selfish and egotistical player.

Those elements of his personality will always remain, but while Blatter and his cohorts make jokes, Ronaldo continues to go from strength-to-strength. At present he is the complete player. He has it all; pace, power, trickery, heading and an unrivalled ability over the dead-ball.

And what's more is his unbelievable consistency.

He has notched up 62 goals since the start of the year, taking his tally to a staggering 225 goals in 216 games for Madrid. No matter your opinion of the man, those statistics speak for themselves.

However, there is a sense that no matter what Ronaldo achieves, it simply won't be enough.

FIFA has always been wary about their image, and

Ronaldo's penchant for the flashier things in life count against him. Messi is the poster-boy for the modern game and despite his current legal wrangles, his reputation remains untarnished.

But what of Ronaldo, pictured above, then? He has been nothing less than perfect in his professionalism. Is that not a worthy enough image to get behind?

Pushing aside the petulant temper tantrums he is prone to, he is an example to all aspiring footballers.

His unrivalled work ethic goes to show that if you show the utmost commitment to yourself, then you may just make it to the top.

He is a footballer that delivers over and over. He treats his body as a shrine and as such he is hardly ever beset by injuries.

While Messi possesses a great deal of these traits, his recent spate of injuries must surely count against him when the votes are tallied.

It is a debate that will rage on no matter the outcome of this year's vote.

Cast as arch-nemesis across an increasingly hostile divide, both players deserve their place amongst the greats.

Perhaps it is a pointless comparison and we should rather just enjoy watching these greats in their prime.

It is inherit in human nature to compare the best in the hope of a clear winner. If it was down to awards then Messi can be considered the best ever.

But his reign as the best current footballer may be under threat, even if only for a season.



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England player ratings

SAINTS duo Adam Lallana and Jay Rodriguez made their debuts for England in their friendly clash with Chile on Friday night. However, it was not to be a winning debut for the pair of them as Roy Hodgson's side fell to a 2-0 defeat as Barcelona striker Alexis Sanchez struck twice. Here the SPORTS PINK gives its player ratings from last night's clash:



FRASER FORSTER

Pictured above. Did well to deny Jean Beausejour in the first half. Could do little with the two goals. Not a bad debut 6

GLEN JOHNSON

First game for England since June and it showed. Lethargic on the ball at times and slow to get forward 5

GARY CAHILL

Did well to block the initial attempt in the run-up to Chile's first goal, but could have cut out the cross after 5

PHIL JONES

Pictured below. Nearly scored with a header, but looked way too shaky at the back 4



LEIGHTON BAINES

At fault for Chile's first goal and looked suspect defending 5

JAMES MILNER

Milner edges closer to 50 caps but still fails to show why he deserves an automatic place in Hodgson's squad. A combative presence, but nothing else 5

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ADAM'S STRIKE THE BEST YET?

Was Lallana's goal against Hull the best St Mary's has seen?

ADAM LALLANA scored, arguably, one of the best ever goals by a Saints player at St Mary's as he ghosted through the Hull City defence to net the third goal in the 4-1 win last weekend.

Since the stadium was built in 2002 the Saints faithful have seen a cluster of spectacular goals, with Lallana's brilliant effort certainly making the grade, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

But what other outstanding goals have been plundered at St Mary's? Here, the Sports Pink has charted some of those excellent efforts.

We'll start with the most recent. In Diego Maradona style, Lallana's effort saw him outwit Tom Huddlestone, drift past Curtis Davies, out muscle Ahmed Elmohamady and calmly slot home to put Saints 3-0 up against the Tigers.

That goal will have certainly impressed England boss Roy Hodgson, who would have felt his decision to recently call-up the midfielder was fully justified as he looked in supreme form, topping it off with one of the most fantastic goals seen at St Mary's.

Last season there were three results that stood out as vital and unexpected. First, was the 3-1 win over Manchester City, in which Jason Puncheon, Steven Davis and Gareth Barry's own goal sealed the surprise victory.

Then came the 3-1 win over Liverpool – Morgan Schneiderlin, Rickie Lambert and Jay Rodriguez this time were on target.

It was in the 2-1 win over Chelsea at the end of March, that the Saints supporters witnessed one of the greatest free-kicks in St Mary's history, and there have been quite a few of them.

Lambert's match-winning free-kick, which fizzed and whipped wickedly through the air, was the highlight of a powerful, dominant performance, which all but sealed Saints' Premier League status.

The next goal was scored by one of Saints' departed academy wonder-kids Gareth Bale, who is now the most expensive player in football history after signing for Real Madrid for a cool £100 million from Tottenham in the summer.

His free kick in the 2-0 win over Coventry in 2006/07 marked a good start to the season as Saints eventually reached the Championship play-offs.

The 17-year-old left back was 30 yards out as he curled the ball beautifully over the wall and beyond the 'keeper, who was left grasping at thin air.

Another moment of brilliance from a free kick came when James Beattie, pictured above, fired home, in the 3-2 win against Arsenal in 2002/03. Interestingly, that was also the match that Ecuadorian flop Agustin Delgado scored his only goal for the club.

On the stroke of half time Beattie rifled a blister-

WHAT A GOAL: Adam Lallana scores against Hull and, above right, Gareth Bale fires in a belting free-kick against Coventry in 2004.



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From facing page

JACK WILSHERE
Showed flashes of good play in the first half but suffered after Chile tried to kick him out of the game 6

FRANK LAMPARD
Had a good free-kick in the first half, but, on the night he was awarded his 100th cap for England, barely featured on his big night 5

ADAM LALLANA
The best of the three debutants. Offered searching runs on the flank and tracked back too. Still could have done better in front of goal, though 7

JAY RODRIGUEZ
Lots of effort, but not much end product. To his credit he was played slightly out of position, but tried to be too flash on the ball when simple passes would have done 5

WAYNE ROONEY
Pictured below. Worked hard, as usual, but was frustrated by a lack of supply 6

SUBSTITUTES

ANDROS TOWNSEND
(on for Rodriguez, 56 minutes)
Immediately helped win a free-kick that could have put England back in the game 6

CHRIS SMALLING
(on for Jones, 56 minutes)
All at sea for Chile's second. Clear he is not the answer in defence. 5

JERMAIN DEFOE
(on for Milner, 66 minutes)
Gave a bit of impetus to the England attack, with England switching to a more rigid 4-4-2 formation 6

TOM CLEVERLEY
(on for Lampard, 70 minutes)
Brought energy, but was unable to break Chile's midfield up ... 5

JORDAN HENDERSON
(on for Wilshere, 70 minutes)
Similar to Cleverley 5

ROSS BARKLEY
(on for Lallana, 76 minutes)
Had little time to make an impact 5

ing free kick from 25 yards out to equalise for Saints and ignite the team into a thrilling victory over an Arsenal team who had won the double the previous season.

Breathtaking, world class, outrageous and genius are not words to describe Rory Delap's spell at Saints. But in one moment of pure brilliance the man, who held the record as the club's most expensive player for around a decade after his £4 million move from Derby in 2001, belted home an acrobatic over-head-kick in the 1-0 win over Tottenham for his only goal of the season.

The next two goals were plundered against fierce rivals Portsmouth. Marian Pahars curled a wonderful effort home in the 3-0 win over the newly promoted Fratton Park side in 2003/04.

The other was scored by Matt Oakley as he played a neat one-two and blasted a scorching shot past the helpless keeper from the edge of the area in 2004/05 season, the campaign Saints were relegated in. Peter Crouch then netted a last minute penalty to win the match 2-1 after Yakubu had equalised.

In the same season, Henri Camara lashed home a vital last minute goal to secure a 4-3 win over fellow strugglers Norwich to give the St Mary's team hope of survival heading into the final weeks of the campaign.

He was passed the ball on the edge of the area, he turned and launched a thunderbolt shot into the bottom left, sending St Mary's into pandemonium.

That excitement didn't last long as the club dropped to the second tier soon after, following a draw to Crystal Palace and a heartbreaking 2-1 defeat to Manchester United.

In first season at the new stadium the little Latvian maestro Marian Pahars scored a very memorable goal in a 2-0 win over Sunderland, which lifted the club away from the drop zone.

Anders Svensson delivered an eye-catching 50 yard pass to Pahars, who applied a ferocious shot with the outside of his right foot past Thomas Sorenson, nailing it into the net at the near-post as it cannoned off the bar and in.

The final goal of the Sports Pink's memorable goals at St Mary's saw another of Saints' academy products, Theo Walcott, outrageously chip Luton Town goalkeeper Dean Brill on the half-volley in a 1-0 win in 2005/06 from the narrowest of angles.

On 23 minutes he sprinted after a long punt down the field. His pace allowed him to catch defender Chris Coyne, but it was hard to see what he would do next as he was level with the edge of the area but on the left touchline. Totally out of the blue, he tried an outrageous left-footed lob shot on the half-volley which sailed into the net.

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QUOTES of the week

"I'm really proud of what I've achieved and being able to last, one way or another. I'm lucky and proud to have done it. You have to have goals. Otherwise you get a bit lazy. I'm one of those people who needs to chase something. I find it easier because I love what I do, but it keeps me working that bit harder" – Tony McCoy reflects on his achievement after securing his 4,000th career win over jumps aboard Mountain Tunes at Towcester.

"I think it's very important for me to show faith in Joe Hart. If I also show a lack of faith in him, which I think he would regard as very undeserving after what he has done for England, then it would definitely affect his confidence negatively" – England manager Roy Hodgson stands by Joe Hart, pictured right, after the goalkeeper was dropped by club side Manchester City.



"For Steven, he probably looks at it as though this is his last international year and after the World Cup that will be all finished and he will have time to rest" – Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers hints that Steven Gerrard could retire from England duty after next year's World Cup.

"I'd dry retch for the next three days" – Former Australia fast bowler Merv Hughes balks at the prospect of tucking into piri-piri breaded tofu with tomato salsa – one of the meals in a leaked document that detailed the refined culinary requirements England will be demanding from their hosts at this winter's Ashes venues.

"I don't know how my heart is right now. I don't want to check it just in case it's bad news" – Sunderland manager Gus Poyet admitted his nerves were in shreds after his side survived an onslaught to beat Manchester City 1-0.

"I am not Roy's father, absolutely not. He can look after himself, he can say what he wants. Seriously, he is under absolutely no gagging at all," – Republic of Ireland manager Martin O'Neill on his number two Roy Keane.

"I think it's going to be the other way round, I think I am going to have to be the good cop. You obviously don't know Martin as well as you think you do. He makes me look like Mother Teresa. It should be interesting" – Roy Keane speaking about Republic of Ireland boss Martin O'Neill's comment that he would perform the "bad cop" role with Keane playing the part of the "bad, bad cop".



ARTHUR TURNER THE

A FEW months ago, 20 players had made their senior England debut while playing for Saints.

Now that total stands at 23. Rickie Lambert made his debut back in August and Adam Lallana and Jay Rodriguez joined him as full internationals after appearing against Chile at Wembley on Friday.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks back at the other 20 men who found that playing for Saints was no barrier to winning senior England international recognition.

ARTHUR TURNER

The Hartley Wintney man became the first Hampshire born player to appear for England, in 1900, at the end of his first season of Southern League football for Saints.

ARTHUR CHADWICK

The man who went on to become Saints manager won his two caps in 1900 against Scotland and Wales.

Chadwick died in March 1936 while watching a Football League game at Exeter City. He was 61.

CB FRY

One of the greatest sporting all-rounders of all time, Fry represented England at both cricket and football, as well as playing in an FA Cup Final for Saints and equalling the then-world record for the long jump.

His only England football cap came in 1901 when Ireland played at The Dell.

Saints teammate Jack Robinson – who had previously played for England while with another club – was in goal.

GEORGE MOLYNEUX

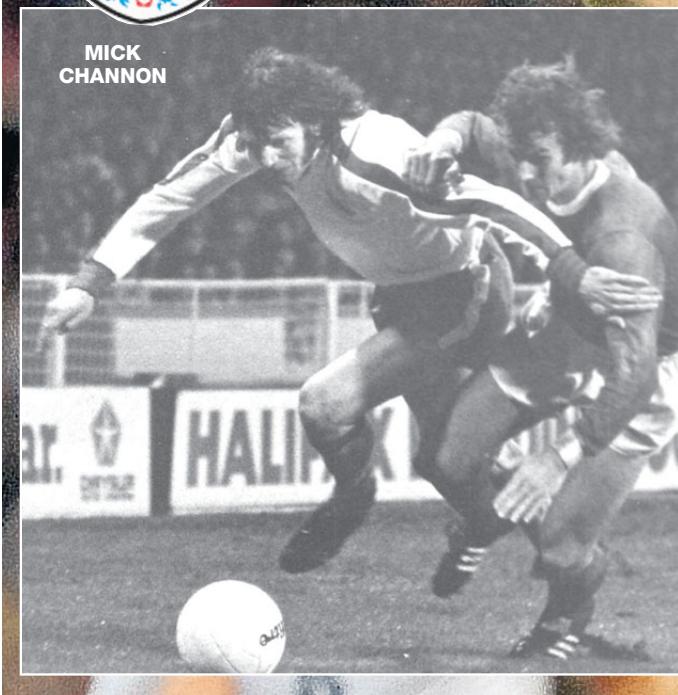
His first appearance for England was subsequently scrubbed from the record books.

Playing against Scotland at Rangers' Ibrox in April 1902, the game was abandoned after part of a new stand collapsed, killing 25 fans.

Molyneux played in the 2-2 draw at Villa Park when the game was 'replayed' the follow-



MICK CHANNON



ing month.

BERT LEE

Made his only England appearance in a 2-2 draw against Wales in Wrexham in 1904.

FRED TITMUS

Made his deWales when Saints were in the old Third Division South in March 1922, the season Saints won the title. Won just two England caps.

BILL RAWLINGS

Also made his debut for England in the same game as Titmuss.

As a result, it was the first time that two players from the third tier had ever appeared in the same England side.

The Andover-born striker scored 175 goals for Saints prior to joining Manchester United in 1928.

He scored the winner on his United debut against Everton at Old Trafford and a few games later hit a hat-trick against Burnley.

Rawlings died in Chandler's Ford in 1972, aged 76.

TOM PARKER

Born in Southampton in 1897, Parker played and managed Saints and was still living in the city when he passed away in 1987 aged 89.

Made his solitary England appearance against France in May 1925.

ALF RAMSEY

The man who later man-

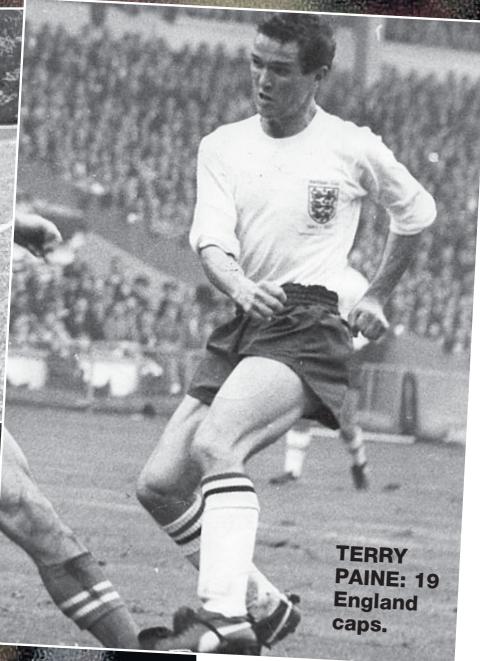
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SAINTS TRAILBLAZER



CALL-UP: Alan Shearer, above, with (from left) Alan Ball, Lawrie McMenemy and Graham Taylor after England selection in 1992.



TERRY PAINE: 19 England caps.

MARK WRIGHT

The centre half, signed by Lawrie McMenemy from third tier Oxford United in 1982, made his England debut two years later in a 1-0 Home International defeat against Wales in Wrexham.

Two other Saints were in the team that evening – Steve Williams and David Armstrong.

Wright, sold to Derby in 1987, won 45 senior England caps, scoring one goal – in a 1-0 World Cup finals win against Egypt in Italia 90.

DANNY WALLACE

Selected for the England team for the friendly against Egypt in Cairo in February 1986, the Saints winger scored in a 4-0 victory and never played again.

Wallace was one of three Saints in the line-up that day – Peter Shilton and Steve Williams the others.

STEVE WILLIAMS

The Dell midfielder won six England caps, the first coming in a June 1983 friendly against Australia.

ALAN SHEARER

Shearer scored on his England debut in a 2-0 win for Graham Taylor's side against France at Wembley in February 1992.

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RICKIE LAMBERT

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aged England to the World Cup was a Saints player when he made his playing debut for the England senior team in December 1948 against Switzerland at Highbury. He went on to win 30 more caps.

BILL ELLERINGTON

The right back made his England debut in May 1949, three years after making his Saints debut. Ellerington won only one more cap, in the same month.

TERRY PAINE

The Dell legend made his debut in 1963 and later that year scored a hat-trick against Northern Ireland.

Made the last of his 19 appearances – which included seven goals – in the 1966 World Cup tournament against Mexico at Wembley.

MICK CHANNON

Made the first of his 46 England appearances against Yugoslavia at Wembley in 1972, alongside

future Saints Peter Shilton, Alan Ball and Mick Mills.

Went on to score 21 goals, the last of which was a penalty in the infamous 2-1 home loss to Scotland in 1977 where the visiting fans invaded the Wembley pitch and broke the crossbar.

Channon remains the second highest-capped England international of all time – behind Emlyn Hughes – never to have played in a World Cup or European Championship finals campaign.

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BOOK of the WEEK

WEIRWOLF: MY STORY

By David Weir

Sports book of the month price: £9.49 saving 50% on rrp

YOU think you know David Weir but, of course, you don't.

But you will be rewarded with an insight into what makes this remarkable athlete tick after reading his compelling life story.

Who was not buoyed by the iconic snapshot of him, Union Jack triumphantly held aloft, son Mason planted on his knee, in front of Buckingham Palace one golden September day.

You think you know him because of his superhuman efforts at London 2012 when he won the 800m, 1,500m, 5,000m and the marathon.

To put that into some kind of perspective, you would need to be a mixture of Usain Bolt and Mo Farah to pull off a similar feat over the course of a fortnight wearing Puma or Nike running shoes.

What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, and Weir relates a poignant episode which toughened him up and "made me even more determined to prove that I wasn't going to be held back". Adolescence can be vicious and pity the man without instant recall of the first girl to make him cry.

Weir's tears flowed at 15 when the cowardly gang around his new girlfriend phoned him to threaten: "If you keep hanging around we're going to take you out into the desert and leave you there without your crutches or your chair." He questioned the viciousness and admits: "I cried a lot after that."

Today, the zestful Weir would no doubt laugh at the absurdity of the notion and reflect how it would have to be one hell of a trip from Croydon to the desert.

If you like your heroes squeaky clean, look away now.

There were drugs – lots of them. And not of the performance-enhancing variety.

Weir was heavily involved in the rave scene when he endured "three years of hammering my brain out" until he met a woman, Kaylie, who helped pull him to his senses after he had witnessed one clubber experiencing a paranoid panic attack, then seeing a friend suffering a fit of the shakes after reacting badly to popping a pill or two.

Kaylie and Weir had a daughter, Ronie, before they split. Now he lives with his fiance Emily and their youngsters Mason and Tilly Grace.

The tattooed, 35-year-old Londoner has plenty of 'complicated' moments he could easily have chosen to airbrush or simply brush under the carpet, but that would have made *Weirwolf* a much tamer effort.

Because he has met so many challenges head on, Sebastian Coe happily endorses this "truly inspirational story" of a People's Champion.

David Weir is 'different' to Bolt and Farah because he was born bent double by Caesarean section with legs that have always been quite useless.

He also happens to be the best wheelchair racer in the world.

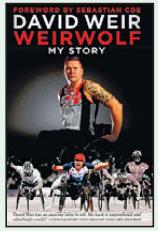
But, of course, you knew that.

QUIZ QUESTION:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of *Weirwolf: My Story* by David Weir to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (www.sportsbookofthemonth.com) and answer the following question:

How many times has David Weir won the London Marathon?



CHERRIES FIXTURES**AUGUST**

Sat 3	Charlton (H)	W 2-1
Grabban 2		
Tues 6	P'mouth LC1 (H)	W 1-0
O'Kane		
Sat 10	Watford (A)	L 1-6
Grabban		
Sat 17	Wigan (H)	W 1-0
Grabban		
Sat 24	Huddersfield (A)	L 1-5
Pugh		
Wed 28	Watford (LC2) (A)	L 0-2
Sat 31	Doncaster (A)	W 1-0
Pitman		

SEPTEMBER

Sat 14	Blackpool (H)	L 1-2
Grabban		
Tue 17	Barnsley (H)	W 1-0
Pugh		
Sat 21	Middlesbrough (A)	D 3-3
Pitman (2), OG		
Sat 28	Blackburn (H)	L 1-3
Fraser		

OCTOBER

Tues 1	Leeds (A)	L 1-2
Grabban		
Sat 5	Millwall (H)	W 5-2
Fraser, Cook, Arter, Grabban, Pitman		
Sat 19	Nottm Forest (A)	D 1-1
Pugh		
Sat 26	Leicester (A)	L 1-2
Pugh		

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	Bolton (H)	L 0-2
Sat 9	Burnley (A)	D 1-1
Rantie		
Sat 23	Derby	(H)
Sat 30	Brighton	(A)

DECEMBER

Tues 3	QPR	(A)
Sat 7	Reading	(A)
Sat 14	Birmingham	(H)
Sat 21	Sheff Wed	(A)
Thur 26	Yeovil	(H)
Sun 29	Ipswich	(A)

JANUARY

Wed 1	Brighton	(A)
Sat 11	Wigan	(A)
Sat 18	Watford	(H)
Sat 25	Charlton	(A)
Tues 28	Huddersfield	(H)

FEBRUARY

Sat 1	Leicester	(H)
Sat 8	Bolton	(A)
Sat 15	Burnley	(H)
Sat 22	Derby	(A)

MARCH

Sat 1	Doncaster	(H)
Sat 8	Blackpool	(A)
Wed 12	Blackburn	(A)
Sat 15	Middlesbrough	(H)
Sat 22	Barnsley	(A)
Tues 25	Leeds	(H)
Sat 29	Birmingham	(A)

APRIL

Sat 5	QPR (H)	
Tues 8	Reading	(H)
Sat 12	Yeovil	(A)
Fri 18	Sheff Wed	(H)
Mon 21	Ipswich	(A)
Sat 26	Notts Forest	(H)

MAY

Sat 3	Millwall	(A)
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Was sold to Blackburn for £3.3m later that year and scored 30 goals in 63 appearances for his country before retiring from international football after Euro 2000.

TIM FLOWERS

The goalkeeper made the first of his 11 England appearances in a 1-1 friendly draw with Brazil in June 1993 – several months before he was sold to Blackburn for £2.4m.

MATT LE TISSIER

Many Saints fans still consider it a near criminal offence that Le Tissier only won eight senior England caps, the first of which came in March 1994 in a 1-0 win against Denmark at Wembley.

Remarkably, Le Tissier was never once selected for the England U21 side either.

WAYNE BRIDGE

The Saints left back was 21 when he made his England debut in a 1-1 draw against the Netherlands in Amsterdam in February 2002.

Went on to win 36 caps, his last coming in November 2009.

JAMES BEATTIE

Made his England debut in February 2003 on the same night as Wayne Rooney in a 3-1 home defeat to Australia at Upton Park. Beattie eventually won five England caps.

PETER CROUCH

Was still a Saints player when Sven Goran-Eriksson handed him his first cap in a May 2005 friendly against Columbia in America.

He left to join Liverpool a few weeks later.

Only a year older than Rickie Lambert is now, the Stoke striker has scored an impressive 22 goals in 42 appearances for his country.

Crouch's last cap came against Spain in 2010 and it now appears his England career is over.

This past week has seen four other Saints win England international recognition.

Luke Shaw and James Ward-Prowse helped the under-21s beat Finland 3-0 at Milton Keynes on Thursday night.

A few hours earlier, Calum Chambers had skippered the under-19s to a 4-1 victory in Hungary.

Matt Targett also played in that game.

Many Saints players have won England international caps at youth and B team level, though.

Here, the *Sports Pink* takes a stroll down memory lane to recall the predecessors to the likes of Shaw and Ward-Prowse.

MARK WRIGHT**ENGLAND UNDER-21****DAVID PEACH**

The full back played for England A in a 4-1 win against New Zealand A at Leyton Orient's Brisbane Road in October 1979.

Crystal Palace pair Mike Flanagan and Vince Hilaire scored.

Also among the marks-men was Glenn Hoddle, who the following month scored on his senior England debut in a victory against Bulgaria at Wembley.

DAVID ARMSTRONG

Made his England A debut in March 1980 in a 1-0 win against Spain.

Armstrong was a Middlesbrough player at the time.

Russell Osman, later to play for Saints, scored the only goal at Roker Park, Sunderland.

STEVE WILLIAMS

Made his England A debut in a 1-0 win against USA A at Old Trafford in October 1980.

Derek Statham, later to sign for Saints, scored the only goal in front

STEVE WILLIAMS

of a crowd of just 14,807.

England: Gary Bailey, Brendan Batson, Derek Statham, Brian Talbot, Russell Osman, Steve Elliott, Peter Barnes, Steve Williams, Cyrille Regis (Kevin Reeves), Alan Sunderland, David Armstrong.

Williams played the full 90 minutes the following month as England beat Australia A 1-0 in front of only 3,292 at Birmingham City FC. Future Saints player and coach Kevin Bond came on as a sub.

England: Gary Bailey, Brendan Batson (Kevin Bond), John Bailey, Steve Williams, J.Gallagher, B.Wright, Dennis Mortimer, Alan Sunderland, Cyrille Regis (Tony Morley), Gordon Cowans, Peter Ward.

England B boss Bobby Robson again selected Williams for the 3-2 loss in Spain in March 1981.

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THE LOWDOWN



England: Joe Corrigan, Brendan Batson, Derek Statham, Steve Williams, Alvin Martin, Steve Elliott, Steve Mackenzie (Paul Power), Kevin Reeves, Tony Morley, Alan Sunderland, Graham Rix.

May 1977 with victory in Finland, Williams again among his team-mates.

Peach and Williams both played the next two games as well.

Both were against Norway - a 2-1 away win and a 6-0 home victory at Brighton's Goldstone Ground in September 1977.

Over 18,000 were at the latter game to see Seagulls striker Peter Ward hit a hat-trick.

In spring 1978 England, managed by Dave Sexton, defeated Italy 2-1 on

aggregate over two legs to reach the European U21 Championship semi-finals.

Peach started both games, while Williams came on as a sub for Laurie Cunningham in the 2-1 home first leg win at Maine Road before playing the entire 90 minutes of the second leg in front of over 45,000 in Rome.

Peach and Williams both played the full game in both legs of the semi-final, where England fell to a 3-2 aggregate loss to Yugoslavia.

England (first leg, 1-2, away) Paul



POMPEY FIXTURES

AUGUST

Sat 3 Oxford (H)L 1-4
Agyemang

Tues 6 B'mouth LC1 (A) .L 0-1

Sat 10 Accrington (A) ...D 2-2
Connolly 2

Sat 17 Morecambe (H) ..W 3-0
Wallace, Connolly, Agyemang

Sat 24 Mansfield (A)D 2-2
Barcham, Connolly

Sat 31 Chesterfield (H) ..L 0-2

SEPTEMBER

Tues 3 Torquay FLT1 (a) .D 0-0
Won on penalties

Sat 7 Cheltenham (A) ..D 2-2
Agyemang, Ertl
Sat 14 Burton (A)W 2-1
Holmes, Ferry

Sat 21 Fleetwood (H) ...L 0-1
Sat 28 York (A)L 2-4
Wallace, Marquis

OCTOBER

Sat 5 Rochdale (H)W 3-0
Ngala 2, Wallace
9 Oxford (A) JPTW 2-1
Marquis, Agyemang
Sat 12 Plymouth (A)D 1-1
Wallace
Sat 19 Bury (H)W 1-0
N'Gala
Sat 26 Torquay (A)D 1-1
Bird

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Exeter (H)W 3-2
Holmes, Bird 2
Sat 9 Stevenage (A, FAC1)L2-1
Connolly
Tue 12 Newport (A, JPT) ..L3-0
Sat 16 Wimbledon(A)
Sat 23 Scunthorpe(H)
Tues 26 Southend(H)
Sat 30 Hartlepool(A)

DECEMBER

Sat 14 Newport(H)
Sat 21 Bristol Rovers(A)
Thurs 26 Dag & Red(H)
Sun 29 Northampton(H)

JANUARY

Wed 1 Southend(A)
Sat 4 Accrington(H)
Sat 11 Oxford United(A)
Sat 18 Mansfield(H)
Sat 25 Morecambe(A)
Tues 28 Wycombe(A)

FEBRUARY

Sat 1 Torquay(H)
Sat 8 Exeter(A)
Sat 15 Wimbledon(H)
Sat 22 Scunthorpe(A)

MARCH

Sat 1 Chesterfield(A)
Sat 8 Cheltenham(H)
Tues 11 Burton(H)
Sat 15 Fleetwood(A)
Sat 22 York(H)
Tues 25 Rochdale(A)
Sat 29 Newport(A)

APRIL

Sat 5 Hartlepool(H)
Sat 12 Dag & Red(A)
Sat 19 Bristol Rovers(H)
Mon 21 Northampton(A)
Sat 26 Bury(A)

MAY

Sat 3 Plymouth(H)

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Saints Spotlight

Sports Quiz

1 Which county does England wicketkeeper Matt Prior, pictured below, play for?

2 Who was the last footballer to score a hat-trick for England?

3 Which two countries contested the inaugural Rugby World Cup final in 1987?



4 The Penguins, Predators, Devils and Senators are all teams in what professional league?

5 Who was the last man to win more than one of golf's majors in the same year?

6 In what year did Audley Harrison win Olympic gold?

7 Leighton Baines, below, began his career with which club?

8 Who is the defending Women's British Open golf champion?

9 Welsh centre Cory Allen plays his domestic rugby for which club?

10 LeBron James plays basketball for which NBA team?



11 Charlie Tonga coaches which rugby league side?

12 Who won the women's US Open in 1999?

13 Steve Howard plays for which Football League club?

14 Which woman won 400m gold at London 2012?

15 What is the nickname of snooker player Joe Perry?

16 Who is England's highest runscorer in Tests?

17 Where do Tranmere Rovers play their home matches?

18 Who did Phil Mickelson replace as British Open champion on this year?

19 Which tennis player won Wimbledon for five successive years from 1977?

20 Which horse won the 2009 Grand National?

ANSWERS

1 Sussex; 2 Jemaine Doleo (2010); 3 New Zealand and France; 4 NHL (Ice hockey); 5 Parc des Princes; 6 Wigan; 7 Hartington (2008); 8 Stacey Lewis; 9 Credit Blues; 10 Martin Heas; 11 Tonbridge; 12 Sereina Williams; 13 Harlequins; 14 Heats; 15 Tones; 16 Richard-Ross; 15 The Gentlemen; 16 Graham Goodwin; 17 Preston Park; 18 Freddie Ebs; 19 Bjorn Borg; 20 Mon More.

SAINTS STARS ROAR

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England beat Norway 3-0 in a friendly in front of 6,973 with two goals from West Ham's Paul Goddard and an own goal.

England: John Lukic, Terry Fenwick, Mark Dennis, Graham Baker, Billy Gilbert, Paul Dyson, Paul Goddard (Justin Fashanu), Craig Johnston, Clive Allen, Vince Hilaire, David Hodgson (Remi Moses).

Baker kept his place for the following month's 4-0 loss in Romania in England's opening European Championship qualifying loss, but he never played again after that.

Saints striker Steve Moran made his England U21 debut in September 1981 in a 0-0 draw in Norway.

England: Gary Bailey, Terry Fenwick, Colin Gibson, Steve Mackenzie, Billy Gilbert (Mike Duxbury), Tommy Caton, Gary Mills (Remi Moses), Justin Fashanu (Paul Goddard), G.Thompson (Steve Moran), Adrian Heath, Mark Proctor (Gary Owen).

Mark Chamberlain, dad of ex-Saints starlet Alex, made his England U21 debut in November 1982 in a 1-0 loss in Greece.

Portsmouth striker Mark Hateley and John Barnes – who were both to score in the famous 2-0 win in Brazil two years later for England's senior side – were among Chamberlain's colleagues.

England: Gary Bailey, Barry Venison, Derek Statham, Steve McMahon (Paul Bracewell), B.Kilcline C.Whyte, John Barnes (Steve Hodge), Paul Walsh, Mark Hateley, Paul Davis, Mark Chamberlain.

Saints pair Danny Wallace and Mark Wright made their England U21 debuts in March 1983 at, of all places, Portsmouth's Fratton Park.

Wallace was on target as well as England beat Greece 2-1.

Pompey stars Alan Knight and Mark Hateley were also included, which no doubt helped swell the attendance to 8,499.

England: Alan Knight, Danny Thomas, I.Geron, Paul Bracewell, Mark Wright, Tommy Caton, Steve McMahon, Paul Walsh (N.Callaghan), Mark Hateley, Nick Pickering (Paul Davis), Danny Wallace.

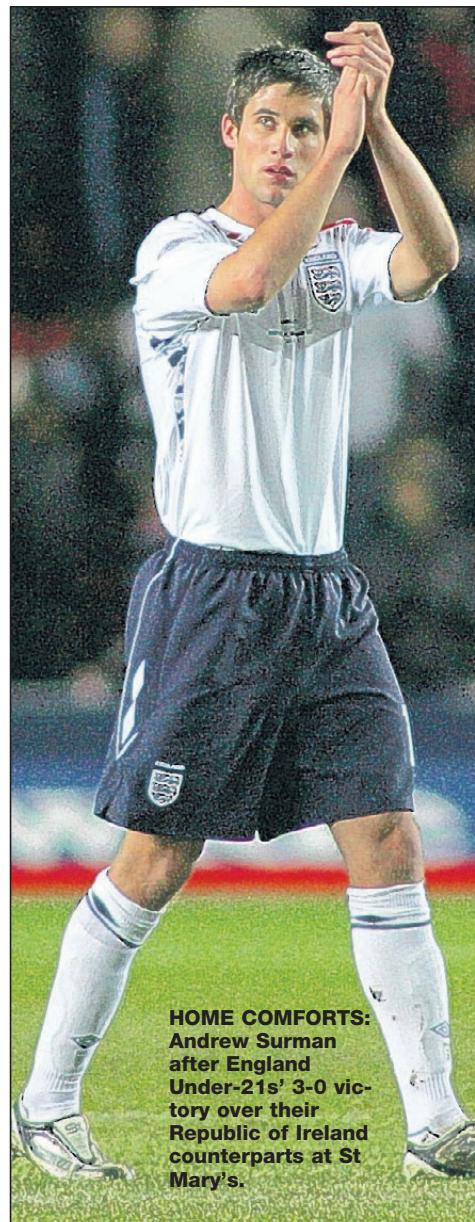
Both Wright and Wallace played again the following month when England beat Hungary 1-0 with a goal from Paul Walsh.

Saints pair Steve Moran and Danny Wallace both started when England U21 thrashed France 6-1 in the first leg of the European Under-21 Championship quarter finals at Hillsborough in February 1984.

Hateley struck four times in the rout, and also scored the only goal of the second leg, where Wallace again played the entire game.

Mark Chamberlain was among the scorers as England beat Italy 3-1 in the semi final first leg tie at Maine Road, watched by a disappointing crowd of just 3,496.

Danny Wallace, who didn't play in the first leg, was back in the England team for the goalless sec-



HOME COMFORTS:
Andrew Surman
after England
Under-21s' 3-0 vic-
tory over their
Republic of Ireland
counterparts at St
Mary's.



RAY, DANNY AND ROD WALLACE



JAMES BEATTIE



STEVE MORAN

ond leg in Florence.

Wallace didn't play a part in the first leg of the final, which England won 1-0 in Spain with Mel Sterland scoring.

But he was a second half sub in the second leg at Sheffield United's Bramall Lane.

England completed a 3-0 aggregate win with Mark Hateley and Howard Gayle scoring.

England (2nd leg): Gary Bailey, Mel Sterland, Nick Pickering (Gary Stevens), Paul Bracewell, Dave Watson, Derek Mountfield, Nigel Callaghan (Danny Wallace), Howard Gayle, Mark Hateley, Steve Hodge, Kevin Brock.



Danny Wallace was the only Saint in action when England kicked off their European Championship qualifying campaign in October 1984 at The Dell.

They beat Finland 2-0 with Chris Waddle and Paul Parker on target in front of 6,325.

England: David Seaman, Barry Venison, Nick Pickering, Ian Cranston, Ian Butterworth, Stuart Robson, Paul Allen (Gary Lund), Steve Hodge, Dean Coney (Paul Wilkinson), Danny Wallace, Mark Walters.

Danny Wallace was back in the England U21 team in September 1985 as England beat Romania 3-0 at Portman Road.

Three future Saints were in the line-up – Barry Venison, Paul Allen and Mark Walters.

England: David Seaman, Barry Venison, Nick Pickering, Ian Cranston, Ian Butterworth, Stuart Robson, Paul Allen (Gary Lund), Steve Hodge, Dean Coney (Paul Wilkinson), Danny Wallace, Mark Walters.

Saints keeper Tim Flowers made his England U21 debut in September 1987 in a 2-0 loss in West Germany.

England: Gary Walsh (Tim Flowers), Neil McDonald, Tony Dorigo, Des Walker, Graeme Rodger (Andy Thorn), Paul Davis, David

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Saints Spotlight

FOR THREE LIONS



PAST AND PRESENT:
Former Saints winger Theo Walcott with St Mary's hotshot Rickie Lambert on England duty.

Rocastle, Paul Gascoigne (S.Parkin), Nigel Clough, Tony Cottee, Peter Beagrie (Franz Carr).

Three Saints players made their debuts in the England U21 side that lost 3-2 to Bulgaria in June 1989.

Brothers Ray and Rod Wallace both started while Neil Ruddock came on as a sub for current Eastleigh assistant manager Guy Butters.

Three future Saints were in the side as well – Carlton Palmer, Paul Williams and David Hirst.

England: B.Horne, Ray Wallace, Tony Dobson, Dean Yates, Guy Butters (Neil Ruddock), Russell Beardmore, Carlton Palmer, David Batty, Rod Wallace, Paul Williams, Marco

Gabbadini (David Hirst).

Three Saints were in the England team that started their European Championship qualifiers in October 1990 with a 1-0 loss against Poland at White Hart Lane.

Defender Jason Dodd was joined by Rod Wallace and Alan Shearer, who was a second half sub.

The Mark Blake in the side was NOT the one who started his career at Saints and later played for Winchester City,

but the Mark Blake who played for Aston Villa.

England: Alan Miller, Jason Dodd, Chris Vinnicombe, Paul Warhurst, David Lee, Carl Tiler (Lee Sharpe), Jason Ebrell, Mark Robins, Ian Olney (Alan Shearer), Mark Blake, Rod Wallace.

The following month Shearer celebrated his first U21 start by scoring twice in a 3-0 win in the Republic of Ireland.

England: David James, Jason Dodd, Chris Vinnicombe, David Lee, Jason Cundy, Carl Tiler, Jason Ebrell, Mark Blake, Ian Olney, Alan Shearer, Lee Sharpe.

Alan Shearer scored twice again



Non-league News

'The Theatre of Goals' fails to live up to name

WIMBORNE Town put the kiss of death on themselves on the club's official Twitter account.

Enthused by a six-match unbeaten home league record in which the Magpies had scored a phenomenal 26 times, Cuthbury was dubbed 'The Theatre of goals' by Town's press officer.

But that backfired spectacularly last Saturday as Wimborne's goals dried up in a 1-0 home defeat by Mangotsfield United in the Southern League Division One South & West.

With the normally lethal Mark Gamble and James Stokoe misfiring, Mangos' Lewis Powell clinched the points by thumping home the decider with 14 minutes to play.

Wimborne boss Steve Cuss conceded: "I could have no complaints about the score really."

"For the first hour the game was fairly even. Defences were on top and we were a bit unfortunate to hit the bar (through Stokoe) before half-time."

"But the longer it went on, the stronger Mangotsfield became."

"They were big, strong and powerful and go around the pitch very well."

"We caught a good side in the middle of a good run and I would expect them to be around the top seven places this season."

Wimborne's new defensive signing Gary Middleton missed the match due to a family illness.

Middleton's arrival at Cuthbury has been described as a "statement of intent" by Cuss, who believes the capture of the former Salisbury City and Bashley defender underlines the Magpies' ambition.

"I am delighted to welcome Gary Middleton, a very experienced and quality player, into our ranks," said Cuss. "He is a very important acquisition for us."

Lavy stunned

LAVERSTOCK & Ford couldn't help but wonder if the referee's watch had stopped away at Petersfield Town last Saturday.

With the score 1-1, the Wiltshire visitors were moments away from earning a well-earned Sydenhams One point against their unbeaten hosts

But their hopes were extinguished when Rob Tambling bundled the ball home in the last action of the game to secure Petersfield a dramatic 2-1 victory.

Lavy skipper Dan Newman was sent off for dissent in the aftermath and manager Rob Lakeman could understand his frustration.

"A few of the players asked the referee how long was left and he said 'one minute' about three times," he said.

"Our tempo was good and at times they couldn't live with us, but it just wouldn't go in for us."

Lavy had taken the lead through Sam Miller on 14 minutes, capitalising on a Phil Archbold error.

Petersfield levelled against the run of play just before the half-hour mark when former Gosport and Hayling frontrunner Tambling headed in Joe Richardson's free kick.

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Hodgson: England will bounce back on Tuesday

ROY Hodgson challenged his England side to shrug off the 2-0 defeat against Chile and show their real World Cup potential against Germany on Tuesday.

Barcelona's Alexis Sanchez scored both goals to hand England a footballing lesson in their 2-0 defeat against Chile.

Hodgson, who revealed out-of-favour Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart will start the match against Germany, said: "It's important that having been knocked down they pick themselves up again."

"We have another big game on Tuesday night. There are lessons to be learned. We need to play better if we are going to beat top teams like Chile and Germany."

"I'll be unhappy if they beat themselves up too much. They are capable of coming out on Tuesday with the right enthusiasm and energy and giving Germany a good game, although getting a victory in that game won't be easy either."

Hodgson, pictured, had used the Chile match to blood



Southampton's Adam Lallana and Jay Rodriguez as well as Celtic goalkeeper Fraser Forster and he urged the critics not to treat them too harshly.

"Going a goal behind early meant we were on the back foot and always chasing the game against a team who were more than capable of keeping us at bay and keeping the ball," said Hodgson.

"It would be harsh to make too many judgements on them (the debutants). They came into a team where a lot of people around them weren't that experienced if we take Frank Lampard out of the equation."

"Even our more experienced players would have found it difficult anyway because Chile were good and deserved to win. They played excellently."

For the Germany game, Hodgson will be without Manchester United centre-back Phil Jones, who damaged a groin and was scheduled to have a scan on Saturday. Ricky Lambert, meanwhile, will rejoin the squad on Sunday following his muscle problem.

On Hart, Hodgson said: "He will start, as will the bulk of the players who have been playing with us in the qualifiers who didn't play (against Chile). They will be fresh. These two matches were massive tests. I took a chance by giving a lot of debuts. I will have to take that responsibility."

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Kevin Davies, who had left Saints to join Blackburn in the same deal that saw Beattie arrive at The Dell, was also in the same squad.

England: Steve Simonsen, Kieron Dyer, Michael Ball (James Beattie), J.Curtis, Wes Brown (Seth Johnson), Gareth Barry, Frank Lampard, Jamie Carragher, J.Morris (David Dunn), Kevin Davies (Matthew Upson), Carl Cort (Danny Cadamarteri).

Davies had made his U21 debut for England while at Saints in November 1997.

Beattie made his first England U21 start at his home Dell ground in March 1999.

Frank Lampard and Lee Bowyer both scored twice as England thumped Poland 5-0 in front of 15,202. Lee Hendrie also scored.

Future Saints flop Jason Euell came on as a second half sub.

England: Richard Wright, Danny Mills, Michael Ball, Wes Brown, James Beattie, Seth Johnson, Frank Lampard (Hayden Mullins), Jamie Carragher, Lee Bowyer, Matt Jansen (Jason Euell), Lee Hendrie (J.Curtis).

Saints defender Wayne Bridge made his England U21 debut the following month in a 2-2 draw in Hungary.

James Beattie and Danny Mills were on target on a night where current England international Gareth Barry was also playing.

England: Richard Wright, J.Curtis, A.Griffin (Wayne Bridge), Luke Young, Danny Mills, Gareth Barry (Darius Vassell), Jon Greening, Hayden Mullins, James Beattie (Carl Cort), Jason Euell (Richard Cresswell), Curtis Woodhouse.

Martin Cranie had just left Saints in August 2007 when he made his England U21 debut against Romania at Ashton Gate.

Cranie had played for England's Under-20s in when he was only 16.

Les Reed, now of course head of football development at St Mary's, selected Cranie for the World Under-20 tournament in November and December 2003.

Cranie was an unused sub in the first two games but played the whole 90 minutes of a 0-0 draw against Colombia.

Saints midfielder Andrew Surman scored for England U21s in a 3-0 European Championship qualifying win in Montenegro in September 2007.

James Milner and Gabriel Agbonlahor put England in control before Surman came off the bench to secure the victory in Stuart Pearce's first competitive game in charge.

Ex-Saints Martin Crannie, Dexter Blackstock and Theo Walcott also played.

England: Joe Hart, Martin Crannie, Steven Taylor, Onuoha, Andrew Taylor, Chris Gardner, Mark Noble, James Milner, Matt Derbyshire (Dexter Blackstock 90), Gabriel Agbonlahor, Theo Walcott (Fabrice Muamba 63).

Surman and Walcott were the main attractions at St Mary's in

ENGLAND EXPECTS



February 2008 when England beat the Republic of Ireland 3-0 at a packed St Mary's.

James Milner scored twice before Walcott, on his first return to St Mary's since leaving Saints two years earlier, completed the victory.

The Saints fans in the bumper 31,473 crowd had to wait until the 86th minute to see Surman introduced as a late sub.

England: Joe Hart, Craig Gardner, Steve Taylor, David Wheater, Joe Mattock, Aaron Lennon, Tom Huddlestone (Cameron Jerome), Fabrice Muamba, James Milner, Mark Noble (Andrew Surman), Theo Walcott (Adam Johnson).

Adam Lallana made his England U21 debut as a late sub in a 2-0 victory over the Czech Republic at Sheffield United's Bramall Lane in November 2008.

Goals in either half from Fraizer

Campbell and Craig Gardner were on target.

Among the Czech team was Lallana's then Saints colleague Tomas Pekhart, who was on loan at St Mary's from Tottenham.

In the same game Lallana's current Saints team-mate Jack Cork made his England U21 debut.

Cork, who was then on loan at St Mary's from Chelsea, went on to make 13 appearances for England at U21 level.

England: Joe Lewis (Frank Fielding), Martin Crannie (Kyle Naughton), Jamie O'Hara (Ryan Bertrand), Fabrice Muamba (Jack Cork), Richard Stearman, Nedum Onuoha, Aaron Lennon, Craig Gardner (Fabian Delph), Fraizer Campbell (Sylvan Ebanks-Blake), James Vaughan (Adam Lallana), Michael Righty.

Jay Rodriguez made his England U21 debut in a 1-0 friendly loss in

Italy in February 2011.

Rodriguez's then Burnley colleague, Jack Cork, also played in a game that was settled by a late penalty from Manchester United's Federico Macheda.

England: Frank Fielding, Marc Albrighton (Scott Sinclair), Nathan Delfouneso (Jay Rodriguez), Henri Lansbury (Jon Howson), Ben Mee (Kiera Trippier), Jack Rodwell (Jack Cork), Joe Bennett, Fabrice Muamba, Josh McEachran (Alex Chamberlain), Kyle Naughton, James Vaughan.

ENGLAND B

MATT LE TISSIER

Made his England B debut in a 4-1 loss against the Republic of Ireland in March 1990.

England: Dave Beasant (David Seaman), Lee Dixon (Ian Snodin), Nigel Winterburn, Carlton Palmer, Andy Linighan, Tony Adams, Matt Le Tissier (Tony Daley), David Batty, Paul Williams (Nigel Clough), Dalian Atkinson, Andy Sinton (Paul Lake).

Le Tissier scored a hat-trick on his last England B appearance in a 4-1 win over Russia at Loftus Road in

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SAINTS TO DELIVER



ON THE BALL: Matt Le Tissier in action for England B and, facing page, Adam Lallana and Jay Rodriguez on their England debut on Friday

April 1998.

Despite that performance, Glenn Hoddle still didn't select him for his World Cup squad in France a few months later.

England: Ian Walker, S.Watson (J.Curtis), C.Serrant, D.Williams, W.Quinn, Jamie Carragher, Matt Le Tissier, Trevor Sinclair (Keiron Dyer), Les Ferdinand (Kevin Phillips), Nick Barmby (D.Johnson), Darren Anderton (Lee Hendrie).

MALCOLM WALDRON

The Saints defender was part of the same team as David Peach that beat New Zealand 4-1 in 1979.

England (v New Zealand): Phil Parkes, Kevin Bond, David Peach, Brian Talbot (Justin Fashanu), Malcolm Waldron, Glenn Roeder, Vince Hilaire, Glenn Hoddle, Alan Sunderland (Richard Money), Mike Flanagan, Graham Rix.

Alan Shearer

Saints legend Lawrie McMenemy was the England B manager when he selected both Shearer and Matt Le Tissier for the 1-0 win against the Czech Republic in March 1992.

England: Nigel Martyn, Earl Barrett, Julian

Dicks, David Batty, Richard Jobson, Carlton Palmer, Andy Sinton, Michael Thomas, Alan Smith (Tony Dorigo), Alan Shearer (David Hirst), Matt Le Tissier.

BILL ELLERINGTON

Made his only England B appearance against Finland in May 1949. Pompey legend Jimmy Dickenson was in the same XI.

ENGLAND U20

Saints striker Dexter Blackstock scored after coming on as a sub for England U20s in a 2-2 draw against Holland at Burnley FC in October 2005.

The team was skippered by then Burnley midfielder Richard Chaplow, who of course went on to play for Saints.

Martin Cranie was then a Saints

team-mate of Blackstock, while the team also featured two future Saints - Phil Iffil and Ryan Smith.

England: Scott Flinders (David Martin); Phil Iffil (David Raven), Gary Barrowdale, Gary Cahill, Martin Crannie; James Morrison (Will Hoskins), Richard Chaplow, Grant Leadbitter, Ryan Smith (Lee Croft), Neil Kilkenny (Ian Henderson); Daniel Graham (Dexter Blackstock)

ENGLAND U19

There were three Saints players in the England squad that reached the 2005 Euro Under-19 Championship final in Northern Ireland.

Defenders Matt Mills and Martin Crannie were joined by striker Dexter Blackstock. England, whose squad also included future Saint Lee Holmes, lost 3-1 in the final to France.

Saints defender Nathaniel Clyne was at Crystal Palace when he made



Lampard: A good future lies ahead for England

FRANK Lampard believes England can take plenty of positives from their 2-0 home defeat by Chile as Roy Hodgson makes his final plans for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

A much-changed Three Lions starting XI – which saw Southampton duo Adam Lallana and Jay Rodriguez both handed their full senior debuts – were outplayed for long spells by the slick South Americans, who secured victory through two well-taken goals from Barcelona forward Alexis Sanchez, the second coming deep into stoppage time.

Celtic's Fraser Forster was in goal as Chelsea midfielder Lampard, captain for the match, received a commemorative 100th cap.

However, apart from an early header by Manchester United's Phil Jones, England rarely tested flamboyant Real Sociedad keeper Claudio Bravo.

It was a first defeat for Hodgson's England in 2013, but one from which veteran campaigner Lampard, pictured below, feels a lot can be learned.

"We have qualified for Brazil and have to take certain things on the chin, learn from the mistakes, but also look at the fact we created a lot of chances," he said.

"We never like to lose, but they are a top quality opposition with a different style to what we are used to."

"It was a very useful exercise for us."

Lampard felt the debutants had performed well under the circumstances.

"It was a tough game for them to come in and not every international game is like that," he said.

"You have to tell them that because not every team will be knocking the ball about like they did and with the goalkeeper distributing it from the back."

"They (new England players) were very bright and sharp."

"Adam had a couple of chances which on another day he would have scored a couple on his debut."

"They deserved their starts and did themselves a lot of credit."

Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere also looked for the positives out of a largely frustrating night for England.

"We will learn a lot because they kept the ball well, took it off the keeper and played out from the back, they did not panic when we pressured them, so we can learn from that," he said.

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Goals galore in Wessex League's big Friday night extravaganza

THOSE who decided an evening out rather than sitting indoors watching England's stumbling performance were rewarded with a crazy evening of football at the Victory Stadium on Friday as US Portsmouth beat Stockbridge 7-5.

The goals came thick and fast throughout with Stockbridge taking the lead on 6 minutes, Houlkes punching a corner from Higgins into his own net, but it didn't take long for US to level matters. Freemantle's weak pass was easily cut out by Duffin and his cross turned in by Robinson.

Then, on 30 minutes, Kneller was penalised for a foul and the free kick from wide on the right of the area by Robinson was watched by the Stockbridge defence and Magro sneaked in to stoke it home.

A flowing move shortly after by the Sailors nearly saw them score a fine third, but Bass's long range effort crashed against the post and was cleared.

Then on 43 minutes, what should have been 2-2 turned into 3-1 - Higgins volleying wide when clean through and from the re-start a swift move saw the ball get to the lively Ollie Sturt who turned and shot crisply giving Chapman no chance.

Shortly before the interval, resilient play by Sturt saw him hold the ball up then lay it back to Magro to slam it home to make it 4-1 to the hosts at the break.

Stockbridge pulled a goal back on 56 minutes, the first of six goals in the next 11 minutes as Pothecary's cross wasturned in at the near post by Higgins.

The three goal lead was quickly regained, a delightful through ball from Booker to Magro who made no mistake to complete his hat-trick.

And straight from the re-start it was 6-2. The sailors winning possession easily and the ball fed to Robinson who rounded Chapman for a tap in.

Within another minute it was 6-3. Kneller letting fly from the edge of the box, his shot hitting the post then the back of the keeper and rolling over the line.

It wasn't long before it was 7-3 Magro beating the offside trap and after drawing Chapman out of his goal tapped it across to Robinson to become the second Sailor to score a hat-trick in the game.

On 67 minutes it became 7-4 when sub Finlay headed in at the back post.

Stockbridge ended the scoring with Higgins' delightful dink over the keeper to make it 7-5.

There were still several chances at both ends, the best of which fell to US Portsmouth's Bass but his effort was deflected narrowly wide.

TOMMY IS STILL

FORMER Saints player Tommy Hare went from electrician to playing professional football within a year.

At 17-years-old Hare had scarcely ever kicked a ball but by the time he was 18 in 1963 he'd joined Saints, writes PETER HOWARD.

Plying his trade as an electrician in Motherwell, the steel capital of Scotland, he turned out for local team Meadow Thistle alongside his friends.

The old-school inside-right was spotted by Fauldhouse, a small town club sandwiched between Glasgow and Edinburgh.

It was there, 460 miles from Southampton, where Hare was plucked by Ted Bates' side and invited to trial for Saints.

"They had scouts everywhere, even in those days. They watched me in a couple of junior matches and that was that, they asked if I wanted to come down south for a trial - I couldn't have come further, could I?" Hare said.

"I started playing for an amateur team called Meadow Thistle that was quite near Motherwell. I then went to Fauldhouse and before I knew it I got spotted and ended up in Southampton.

"I didn't play football at all really, well, I played a bit at school but I didn't really play that much - I was working instead, so didn't have time for it.

"I don't know what my parents thought of what I was doing - I think they were pleased and proud of me that I managed to make it as a footballer.

"I never even gave football a thought before.

"I had been an electrician since I left school in 1959, then I started playing and before I knew it I was in Southampton playing professional football.

"It was quite a jump up - very strange. Nowadays they have youngsters in from as young as eight, so I was quite a lot older than that - probably a bit of a late bloomer.

"I just took it all in my stride; it was a lot different from Meadow Thistle, who didn't have floodlights, and Fauldhouse who were a mining town.

"I was an electrician. I had no inkling at all that I would even become a footballer.

"I just used to play Sunday mornings - nothing was organised, it was just a kick around really, just a bunch of lads having fun.

"At 17/18 I started to go with my friends to play a bit of amateur football at Meadow Thistle and it progressed from there.

"Fauldhouse came in and I don't think I was there a year before I was having a trial at Saints and signing on."

Still wet behind the ears and heading into the unknown, Hare had to wait until the winter had cleared before travelling to Southampton by train in spring 1963.



SHARING A DRINK: Ex-Saints Tommy Hare and Bryn Elliot.



PORT OF SOUTHAMPTON STAFF ASSOCIATION FC: Back row left to right, Ray Facey, unknown, Bobby Bell, Dennis Hollywood, Clive Egerton, unknown, Bobby Byrne and Alan Judd. Front, Dave Pollard, unknown, Boyd Hilton, Chris Light and Tommy Hare.

That sounds ridiculous but the winter of 1963 was one of the coldest on record with some parts of the sea freezing over and a six metre layer of snow at times settling on Britain in a three-month cold snap.

"I hadn't left Scotland before. I had gone on a holiday to Blackpool but that was it. The next step was a big jump and I felt the nerves," Hare said.

"The place was icebound, though, I had to wait until after the winter

break, and I finally came down in April 1963.

"I travelled down by train to Euston and then to Waterloo and down to Southampton, to the terminal station.

"It was dark and, well, it was strange. When you hadn't gone far from your home before, it was a really strange thing.

"I stayed initially on Milton Road right next to The Dell, I lived with another Scottish lad, Tommy

Dowling, he didn't stay long and went back home."

Hare, now 69, felt that it was his lucky break, allowing him to escape the grips of heavy industry in Scotland.

"I was born in Motherwell, a steel town. It was full of industry, pits and mines - very different from Southampton.

"It was a chance to get away from the dirt and the grime - I didn't have to work for a living anymore,

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A SAINTS MAN



OLD MATES: Tommy Hare, Tony Godfrey, Campbell Forsyth, John Sydenham, Norman Dean, Roy Beasley and Tommy Traynor. And, above, the 1963/64 Saints team shot.

I felt that I escaped the clutches of industry.

"There's a big difference between working and playing football. Football is a job but it's one you enjoy, it's not like working on a building site in the mud and snow."

"We were getting up at nine in the morning and going training, we had a great life, and I didn't mind training a bit, knowing that I had escaped Motherwell."

Hare, who now lives with his wife

Wendy in Park Gate, made 14 appearances in the red and white during Saints' 1965/66 promotion season to the old First Division.

He made his debut against Huddersfield in November 1965 and made his final appearance in a match against Birmingham City in March 1966.

Just as Hare was settling into the Saints line-up, Bates brought in David Webb as a replacement – he made his debut a week after the

Birmingham match against Wolves, in which he scored the equaliser in the 1-1 draw.

That effectively ended Hare's time at Saints and he was released at the end of the season without a club to go to.

Hare thoroughly enjoyed his spell at The Dell, despite getting pushed out.

"It was a great time, there were some nice lads like Denis Hollywood, Norman Dean, Martin

Chivers, they all made you feel welcome," he said.

"I was quite competitive and there was loads of banter, of course there always was between the English and the Scottish."

"Ted Bates was a good manager – it was different to training at Faulkhouse at night, we were training everyday at a professional football club, it was a lot different. The people I met were really nice and still are."

At that time there were six players from Scotland in the Saints team – Hare, Campbell Forsyth, Denis Hollywood, George O'Brien, Tommy Spencer and Ian White.

Hare is very happy that his career took him so far away from home.

"It was a really proud thing playing for Saints. It was nice to play professional football – that's your aim, to play as high as you can, and I was chuffed that I made it so far," he said.

"I played for the A team and the reserves and I played a few first team games, which were really good but my chances were limited.

"The Dell was a great ground with good support and atmosphere."

"They were good games, the crowd felt so close to the pitch, the fans were right by your feet, it was a very odd feeling."

"The playing surface wasn't great at The Dell. Well, it was terrible."

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No joy for ex-Saint in Ireland

EX-SAINT Marian Pahars admitted his Latvia side had not been able to compete with a stronger outfit after their 3-0 defeat to the Republic of Ireland last night.

The Republic cruised to a 3-0 friendly victory at the Aviva Stadium with goals from striker Robbie Keane, Aiden McGeady and substitute Shane Long.

And the former Saints star said: "At the end of the day, that's the reality. It's not a big surprise."

"Of course we can play a bit better and we can concede less, but at the end of the day, it's two different level teams."

Pahars' counterpart Martin O'Neill, who was making his first appearance as boss of the Republic with assistant Roy Keane, was thrilled to launch his Republic of Ireland reign with a convincing victory.

He said: "I am absolutely delighted, delighted with the performance and delighted with the result, obviously."

"I accept the fact that there will be sterner tests ahead, of course, and one on Tuesday night (against Poland), but it was nice to win, it was nice to play well, it was nice to get a few goals and I thought some of our play was terrific."

"I was concerned about the game beforehand, of course, but just getting that first goal was very important for us."

"Overall, I was delighted with the team, delighted with their attitude and delighted with the crowd's response."

If it was goals from striker Keane, Aiden McGeady and substitute Shane Long which ultimately won the day, it was the performance of the team, and in particular some of the key individuals in it which pleased O'Neill most.

James McClean burst onto the Barclays Premier League scene during the early weeks of his fellow Ulsterman's reign at Sunderland, and he showed something like that form in a green shirt after a frustrating spell on the international stage.

McGeady too, who thrived under O'Neill at Celtic but has often flattered to deceive for his country, was penetrative and capped a fine individual display with a deserved goal.

O'Neill, whose team will face a more difficult examination in Poland on Tuesday, said: "McClean's performance was excellent. He was given man of the match and I don't think anybody would have disagreed with that."

"He was rejuvenated, played with a bit of confidence, but I think he knows I have a bit of confidence in him."

"Of course, there will be once or twice when he will not play the right ball, but his desire to go and attack them tonight was very evident. I thought he deserved that."

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Ex-Saint Hare's fond memories

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Following his time at The Dell, Hare was signed by Luton Town, where he was initially a first team regular before sustaining an injury to his shin.

"When you're injured and left out the team, nobody at the club wants to know you. It was frustrating because I was in the team but got injured and after that I couldn't do what I wanted and play," he said.

"A young lad called Alick Jeffries, he put a stud right into my shin, and that injured me, I didn't get a look in the team after that."

"Deep down you hoped the player in your position would get injured and you'll get a chance but you like to get in merit really."

"It's what happens in football quite often, you get injured and you're forgotten; it's a tough lifestyle, when you're playing its great when you're down and injured, there's little you can do."

"I can sympathise with these guys that get injured and don't come back. I was fortunate enough that I recovered and was able to carry on playing."

"I was out the team and the management didn't want to know me."

other side of the Lake District to Workington and met the manager Frank Upton - he was a good centre half for Chelsea.

"He said 'I'll sign you but I'm leaving the club tomorrow' I drove all the way up and I wasn't happy he was leaving, so I said to the board that I don't want to join as the manager is leaving."

"I signed the forms and ripped them up the next day, they weren't happy but I felt it was the right thing to do."

Following that Hare returned to the south and even rejected offers from the USA, Belgium, and Australia knowing that he'd had enough of travelling around and knowing his wife was pregnant.

Wendy explained her first meeting with her husband. "We met in this pub where all the players went, he came up to me and offered to buy me a drink, I accepted but he had the cheek to put down his half drunk Guinness and give that to me."

"Well after that I couldn't shake him; he wouldn't leave me alone, I didn't mind of course," she joked.

Hare then moved down the leagues, starting out at Basingstoke with former Dell teammate Cliff Huxford, then



PROMOTION WINNERS: Tommy Hare, Ken Winghurst, Terry Paine and Cliff Huxfords.

Whilst living in Luton, with Wendy, after getting married at the end of his time at Saints where they met in a Southampton pub, Hare was called by Rochdale manager Bob Stokoe, who won the 1973 FA Cup while in charge of Sunderland.

He was told by Stokoe that The Dale were interested in signing him, but it didn't turn out as Hare wanted and it transpired to be the beginning of the end of Hare's professional career after several failed attempts to sign for different teams.

"Stokoe explained that he wanted me to come up to Rochdale and sign me on. The night before I phoned him and asked him if we were still good to go on the contract," Hare said. "He said he was in Manchester and I thought 'well if you're going to mess me around then I'll leave it thank you' so I did."

Tommy Spencer, a teammate from his Saints days also invited him to play for Workington.

"I drove all the way up to the

moving on to Waterlooville. "I knew I could have carried on earning money, but I didn't want to, I wanted to enjoy football for a few more years."

"It might have been a silly thing to do but I worked as an electrician along with playing football. Football supplemented my wages, it was for fun."

"We had a good team at Basingstoke, I really enjoyed, and I was playing my old position inside right, which was great because I got to score goals again."

"I really enjoyed my local football, there were a lot of nice lads."

Hare later dropped even further down the football pyramid to the Southampton local divisions, where he turned out for West End and Colden Common then eventually on to Vosper Thornycroft.

Since hanging up his boots Hare has continued to watch Saints and support Celtic. He also enjoys watching his grandsons play and going to St Mary's with the Ex-Saints, who he is still in regular contact with.

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TUMBLE: Luke Shaw in action for Saints.

GREG Dyke may well have opened Pandora's Box.

The far-from-reticent new Football Association chairman lost little time after donning the blazer in stating that video replays to determine penalty incidents were "a no-brainer", writes MARTIN ZEIGLER.

It is perhaps no coincidence, therefore, that it has just been revealed that West Brom's chairman Jeremy Peace is demanding Dyke's vision is implemented straight away, and that every penalty decision should be adjudicated on via replays rather than referees.

But such demands should send a chill through the veins of everybody who cherishes football for the purity and simplicity that sets it apart from most other sports.

Peace believes the Baggies have been on the wrong end of too many penalty decisions this season, both in terms of referees awarding them against the club and failing to do so in their favour.

Still smarting over the decision by Andre Marriner to award Chelsea a 94th-minute spot-kick, from which an equaliser was scored, Peace has written to the Premier League highlighting four matches - the others were against Arsenal, Southampton and Stoke - in which he claims West Brom were on the receiving end of wrong decisions.

In the ideal world inhabited by Peace and Dyke, every time a player goes down in the box, the game should be halted - even if the ball is cleared down the other end and the opposing team score - while a team of 'experts' in the stands dissect the incident via replays and then, after a couple of minutes, during which time the players and spectators have been hanging around, announce their decision.

All well and good, except that if you show footage of one penalty claim to one man, he may well give a completely different answer to the person sitting next to him: just look what happens regularly on the Match of the Day sofa.

PENALTY REPLAY'S NOT A NO-BRAINER

"A pen all day long for me, Gary," says the ex-striker.

"He made a meal of it, not a penalty in a million years," says the ex-defender after viewing the same incident from numerous angles.

Take that Chelsea incident, where Steven Reid was penalised for a challenge on Ramires.

There is no doubt that contact was made and that Ramires was in control of the ball when he collided with Reid. Therefore, the decision on the penalty comes down to a matter of opinion. Marriner's opinion was that it was a penalty; West Brom's, quite clearly, was the opposite.

It is perfectly possible a video replay panel would decide not to award a penalty. And perfectly possible to award it as well.

Take the Arsenal match that Peace also refers to in his letter, where he complains that a challenge on Shane Long was not penalised - conveniently ignoring the fact that many

there thought West Brom were lucky not to have conceded a penalty or even two for challenges on Jack Wilshere. Again, it was all about opinions.

There is a tendency for those who champion video replays in football to label their opponents as Luddites, stubbornly refusing to adapt to a

modern game where the pace is so fast that officials cannot keep up.

Piffle. Right-thinking people are happy to welcome technology if it deals with statements of fact: did the ball cross the line, yes or no. What technology cannot do is make a definitive judgement on matters of opinion, and it risks removing some of the unique and distinct charms of football that set it apart.

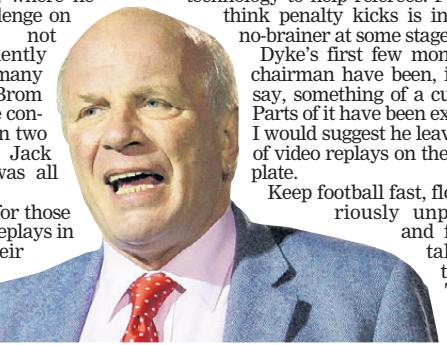
Fortunately, it is not the Premier League chairman nor Dyke, pictured below, who have the power to make the decision: it would have to go to the International FA Board, and FIFA hold half of the eight votes on that notoriously conservative law-making body.

It is worth reviewing Dyke's comments in full: "I believe that when we look back in 25 years time we'll say that (goal-line technology) was only the beginning. And I think it's inevitable there'll be more use of technology to help referees. Personally I

think penalty kicks is inevitable, a no-brainer at some stage."

Dyke's first few months as FA chairman have been, it is fair to say, something of a curate's egg. Parts of it have been excellent but I would suggest he leaves his love of video replays on the side of his plate.

Keep football fast, flowing, gloriously unpredictable and fundamentally contentious. That is the real no-brainer.



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Saints Spotlight

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SPORTS EDITOR

ONCE upon a time, it was an important competition.

The top clubs in the country always fielded their best sides, and quite often won the silverware.

The final at Wembley was a showpiece event (though it was never televised live throughout the 1970s, unlike the FA Cup final).

But that was how the League Cup used to be. Now the story is slightly different.

For the last few years, we have got used to seeing Premier League managers regularly changing almost their entire starting XI for League Cup matches.

Mauricio Pochettino was, therefore, only doing what countless others have done before him in making 11 changes for the third round tie with Bristol City in September and 10 changes for the recent loss at Sunderland.

No Saints fan really batted an eyelid, did they?

The loyal 300 or so fans that made the long trip to the north east did so safe in the knowledge they wouldn't be watching Saints' first team in action.

After all, it's only the League Cup, isn't it?

It's not just the Premier League managers who treat the tournament less seriously than some of their predecessors once did.

The nadir was plumbed two years ago when Preston North End boss Phil Brown made a raft of changes for his side's League Cup tie at St Mary's.

At the time North End were, and remain, a third division club.

When you have a third tier team making squad rotational changes for a cup tie against higher division opponents, then something is wrong.

Pochettino, for his part, did nothing wrong when selecting his teams for the Capital One Cup this term.

If Saints are paying the likes of Gaston Ramirez, Maya Yoshida, Jos Hooiveld, Jack Cork and Tadanari Lee a decent wage – and we have to presume they certainly are – then at some point they need to play games.

SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

If they are deemed surplus to requirements in terms of Pochettino's starting XI in the Premier League, then what else is there?

The reserve league was abandoned a few years ago, so that rules out a once obvious source of games.

The Premier League's under-21 League offers occasional games, but the clue is in the title.

It's mainly a development league for youngsters, though three over-age players are allowed in each team.

After that, if you're not going to loan some players out to give them regular match action, comes the League Cup.

Pochettino was right to play a mixture of fringe players and up and coming youngsters at Sunderland recently.

He could certainly have expected the players to sent out at the Stadium of Light to perform better.

On that performance, not too many could complain about not being Premier League regulars this term.

Perhaps the Sunderland result did Pochettino, pictured right, a favour, in that it showed him that Saints haven't got the strongest squad when it comes to real strength in depth.

Anyway, that's digressing slightly from the main issue here.

Namely, what do we do with the League Cup?

After all, even with a carrot of European club football, it's not capturing the imagina-



GOAL: Maya Yoshida celebrates scoring in Saints' League Cup exit at Sunderland.

tion. Of chairmen, managers, fans and – if Saints' performance at Sunderland was any indication – some players.

It's obviously not going to go away, even if some would like to consign it to the dustbin of footballing history.

So here's some suggestions.

First, let's make it a 'reserve team' competition for all Premier League clubs.

Change the rules to say that a top flight team must make 11 changes to the side that started the previous league game.

That's right, change the entire team.

Some regular first teamers can be on the bench, but the starting line-up has to be totally different.

In all the rounds, including the semi final and final.

Let's go a little further, and say four players must be teenagers with less than 10 Premier League appearances to their name.

Ten appearances each, not collectively.

In Saints' case, that would have been Harrison Reed, Lloyd Isgrove, Omar

Rowe and Jake Sinclair, who all made their competitive debuts for the club in the competition this season.

Premier League clubs have such big squads these days – even the newly promoted ones – that those rules shouldn't present any problems.

Off the pitch, we need to make the tournament more accessible to more fans.

Especially youngsters.

We are constantly told how today's Premier League tickets are priced too high for families.

In that case, we need to make the League Cup a family friendly competition.

Saints only managed to attract a crowd of just over 8,500 for their third round tie with Bristol City

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September. A two-thirds empty stadium, therefore, played host to a professional game at a Premier League ground.

And no wonder, with adult tickets 'cut' to £18. Madness.

Granted, the opposition were not attractive – two divisions below Saints – and it was obvious the club's stellar names would get the night off.

In cases like that, clubs need to be cuter.

How about this: An across the board charge of £5 for adults to attend all League Cup ties played at Premier League grounds, and a quid for all under-18s (or students in full time education) and pensioners?

With the greatest will in the world, and even with a feelgood factor whirling around the club, Saints were never going to attract anything resembling a large crowd for the Bristol City match by charging adults eighteen quid to see a struggling third division club.

Adopting the above mentioned changes would help revive interest in the League Cup, and they should be easy to implement.

They would allow our top clubs to give their most promising youngsters invaluable match time in proper grounds against professional players.

They would play in competitive games watched by crowds who have paid a mere pittance – by Premier League standards – to be there. Surely everyone wins that way?

Saints Spotlight

Defoe: I still want to go to the World Cup

JERMAIN Defoe admits his chances of making England's World Cup squad will diminish if he keeps being overlooked by Tottenham manager Andre Villas-Boas.

Defoe came off the bench on Friday to earn his 55th cap, although the night proved to be an unhappy one as England lost 2-0 to Chile.

Defoe has been getting used to life among the substitutes recently. This time last year he was a regular for club and country, but he has started just once for Spurs in the Barclays Premier League this season and had been an unused substitute in the previous six England games before the Chile encounter.

The 31-year-old is averaging 16.7 minutes per league game this season and he knows that must change if he is to make Roy Hodgson's 23-man squad for Brazil.

"Getting into a World Cup squad is based on merit and you have to play for your club," said the Tottenham striker, pictured right, whose only league start came against West Ham last month.

"As a forward, if you are not getting the opportunities to play it will be difficult."

"Frank Lampard got it right when he said the other day that everyone is fighting (for places).

"It's important that everyone goes back to their clubs and plays games to try to impress the manager."

"It's a long way to go before the World Cup. There is a lot of football to be played and we will see what happens. You never know, I might play every game from now on."

Defoe has kept his place in the England squad thanks to his superb form in the cup competitions, scoring nine times, but Villas-Boas' refusal to drop Roberto Soldado means he may have to wait a while for another opportunity in the league.

The former West Ham man, who has 19 England goals, did his best to impress Roy Hodgson on Friday, combining relatively well with Wayne Rooney during his 24 minutes on the pitch.

The striker knows losing their 10-match unbeaten run is not good news for England heading into a World Cup, but he thinks Hodgson did the right thing by rotating his line-up.

"It's not good losing, especially at home," Defoe added. "You want that winning mentality going into a World Cup but there were spells where we did well and created some good chances."



SAINTS TO SHOOT

SAINTS bid to dent their desultory league record at Arsenal next weekend in a top of the table Premier League encounter.

Saints remarkably only won once in 35 trips to Highbury, and on their first visit to The Emirates last season shipped six goals.

Indeed, Saints have lost two of their last four trips to the Gunners by 6-1 margins.

Here, Tom Balzanelli recalls Saints' previous trips to Arsenal.

**December 26 1966
Arsenal 4 Saints 1**

Saints' defeat on their first ever league trip to Highbury was a taste of things to come.

The Gunners romped to victory following doubles from George Armstrong and John Radford.

Saints replied two minutes from time through Ron Davies - the prolific Welshman's 20th league goal of the season.

The very next day, Saints beat Arsenal 2-1 at The Dell in the return game!

**April 15 1968
Arsenal 0 Saints 3**

Saints romped to a surprise victory on Easter Monday, drawing level with Arsenal as a result.

Mick Judd opened up the scoring, on his first league start, with a powerful header against an Arsenal side who had only lost twice in the league at home all season.

Joe Kirkup doubled the lead with an ambitious lob before Terry Paine completed the rout with a penalty.

**March 29 1969
Arsenal 0 Saints 0**

**December 6 1969
Arsenal 2 Saints 2**

Ted Bates' Saints put in a battling performance to make it three games unbeaten at Highbury.

Ron Davies equalised John Samuels' opener on the half hour mark and man of the match, Jimmy Gabriel followed up on a loose header ten minutes from time after John Radford had restored the hosts' lead.

**December 26 1970
Arsenal 0 Saints 0**

Ted Bates masterminded another goalless stalemate against an Arsenal side which finished the season by claiming the double of league title and FA Cup.

**March 28 1972
Arsenal 1 Saints 0**

Paul Gilchrist made his first league start for Saints in a game decided by Peter Marinello's goal on the stroke of half-time.

**September 30 1972
Arsenal 1 Saints 0**

George Graham, later to manage



Arsenal to the league title, scored the only goal in the second half.

become a firm favourite at The Dell - Alan Ball.

**March 2 1974
Arsenal 1 Saints 0**

Nick Holmes' Saints debut ends with another single-goal loss. The man on target would later

Saints' return to Highbury after four and a half year absence ends the same way as their previous three visits had. This time Arsenal had to wait until the 89th minute before netting the winner through Liam Brady.

**April 5 1980
Arsenal 1 Saints 1**

Phil Boyer volleyed a second half

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DOWN GUNNERS?



SAINTS V ARESENAL SHOWDOWNS: Clockwise, from above, Rory Delap celebrates after netting against Arsenal; Glenn Cockerill on the ball; goalmouth action from Arsenal v Saints in 1987; Kevin Keegan on the ball; and, top left, Terry Paine takes on Arsenal's Charlie George.



level after Alan Sunderland had put the hosts ahead.

August 19 1980
Arsenal 1 Saints 1

Graham Baker fired a spectacular equaliser from 30 yards to earn Saints a point in Kevin Keegan's

second league game for the club.

May 15 1982
Arsenal 4 Saints 1

Saints fall 3-0 down in the first half in their last game of the 1981/82 season. On target are Paul Davis, Stuart Robson and John Hawley,

with Davis adding a second after the break. David Armstrong replied.

April 2 1983
Arsenal 0 Saints 0

December 31 1983
Arsenal 2 Saints 2

Saints find themselves 2-0 down to goals from David Cork and Peter Nicholas (penalty).

Steve Moran gives Saints a lifeline just after the hour mark, before the same player nets a 75th minute leveller.

May 6 1985
Arsenal 1 Saints 0

Graham Rix, currently manager of Wessex League club AFC Portchester, netted the only goal in the first half.

August 20 1985
Arsenal 3 Saints 2

David Armstrong's two goals are both in vain as Saints lost their first away game of the season.

Tommy Caton and Stuart Robson put the Gunners in control before Armstrong's first goal.

Tony Woodcock restored Arsenal's two-goal lead.

December 27 1986
Arsenal 1 Saints 0

Niall Quinn gave George Graham's men victory with a goal 19 minutes from time.

November 21 1987
Arsenal 0 Saints 1

Danny Wallace's goal 12 minutes from time gave Saints their first win at Highbury for almost 20 years.

Arsenal went into the game top of the First Division, having won 11 of their 15 games, while Saints were mid-table.

September 17 1988
Arsenal 2 Saints 2

Saints were cruelly denied a fourth straight win at the start of the 1988/89 season by two late Arsenal goals.

Matt Le Tissier and Rod Wallace had put Saints in control, before Brian Marwood converted an 82nd minute penalty.

Alan Smith then

injury time leveller, in time added on for the broken jaw Saints' Glenn Cockerill

suffered when he was struck by Paul Davis.

Davis, proved guilty by television evidence, received a nine match ban.

Arsenal ended up winning the title on goal difference, this point against Saints being crucial.

May 2 1990
Arsenal 2 Saints 1

Saints suffered more late agony at Highbury after taking the lead through Barry Horne.

Lee Dixon levelled with a 76th minute spot-kick before David Rocastle plundered a winner four minutes later.

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Townsend backing England to fight back

ANDROS Townsend hopes England will put on a much better display against Germany after admitting he and his teammates struggled to get Chile off the ball at Wembley on Friday night.

England's 10-match unbeaten run came to an end in north London thanks to an Alexis Sanchez double as Chile out-classed the home side on a sobering evening for Roy Hodgson's squad.

An even bigger test awaits on Tuesday when Germany visit Wembley.

Ranked second in the world and with a squad packed full of stars, the Germans will no doubt look back at a tape of England's performance against Chile with glee.

But Townsend is hoping England can bounce back against their old foes next week.

"The Chile game was a good test for us, and hopefully we can do better in the Germany game," the Spurs winger, pictured below, said.

"The manager came in after the game and said to us: 'we did not get too carried away when we qualified for Brazil, so don't beat yourselves up tonight because there is another game again on Tuesday when we can put all the wrongs right against Germany'."



Townsend earned his third cap as a second-half substitute after manager Hodgson opted for an experimental XI that included debutants Adam Lallana, Jay Rodriguez and Fraser Forster.

Although Lallana impressed, and striker Wayne Rooney worked tirelessly, there were few who came out of the match with much credit.

Townsend did not want to dwell on the defeat too much, however, and defended Hodgson's decision to experiment.

"Friendlies are about giving people the chance to show what they can do, and we did that with rotating the team, but unfortunately did not get the result we were looking for," the 22-year-old said.

"Chile are a very technical side and with the way they kept the ball, for half an hour or so we could not get anywhere near them but if we are going to go to the World Cup and do well, we are going to have to learn to play against teams like Chile."

"We have played a lot of European sides and to test ourselves against a South American side who do play a different style, we will take the positives out of it and move on to hopefully get a

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Lovren's World Cup hopes get a boost

DEJAN Lovren's Croatia are in pole position to reach the World Cup finals after they secured a 0-0 draw with 10-man Iceland in their play-off in Reykjavik last night.

The Saints centre back, pictured below, was an unused sub as his side survived a tense first leg to secure a draw against the Scandinavian minnows.

Iceland – with a population of just over 300,000 – are hoping to become the smallest nation to play in the finals but they had few chances on Friday and were distinctly second best to their visitors. However, they are still in with a chance after they held Croatia despite having to play all but six minutes of the second half with 10 men following the dismissal of Olafur Ingi Skulason for a professional foul on Ivan Perisic.

Iceland went on the attack from the off and in just the second minute Vedran Corluka was forced to block Gylfi Sigurdsson's shot from the centre of the area, the ball going out for a corner which came to nothing.

Despite the hosts making a marginally better start to the game neither side was creating anything clear-cut or testing the opposition goal-keeper.

Perisic was involved in everything Croatia were doing, firing over from 25 yards – but in reality there was little of note from either side in the opening half-hour.

Corluka cleared Sigurdsson's free-kick before the visitors came closest to breaking the deadlock when Hannes Thor Halldorsson saved Danijel Pranjic's cross with his feet.

Perisic's 20-yard shot was comfortably gathered by Halldorsson but the game reached half-time goalless.

Afreid Finnbogason fired wide for Iceland but the hosts' task became harder just minutes after half-time when Olafur Ingi Skulason was dismissed for a professional foul on Perisic.

Mario Mandzukic's resultant free-kick was parried by the keeper before Ivica Olic's long-range effort was comfortably gathered by Halldorsson.

Perisic's shot from the centre of the area was then parried by the keeper as the first eight minutes of the second half showed more attacking urgency than the entire first 45 minutes.

The hosts were then indebted to the goalkeeper as he kept out Olic's close-range shot as Croatia attempted to turn the screw.

Iceland weathered the storm though and Pranjic shot from distance although his effort was easily held by Halldorsson.

Ivan Rakitic's shot was fumbled before being eventually being held by the keeper, Perisic's free-kick hit the wall and the same player fired wide.

Perisic fired over the bar as the clock ticked down.

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November 17 1990 Arsenal 4 Saints 0

Saints are three down inside 37 minutes to goals from Paul Merson, Anders Limpar and Alan Smith.

Smith completes the scoring in the second half.

May 2 1992 Arsenal 5 Saints 1

Saints concede four goals in the last 20 minutes in the final game of the season.

Ian Wright bags a hat-trick late on with Alan Smith also scoring.

Kevin Campbell had put Arsenal ahead before Glenn Cockerill levelled.

March 20 1993 Arsenal 4 Saints 3

Jimmy Carter grabbed a 78th minute winner as Saints conceded their 13th goal on their last three visits to Highbury.

Saints were ahead through Iain Dowie on four minutes, but trailed 3-1 after 29 with Andy Limingham, Paul Merson and Carter scoring in a 14-minute blitz.

Micky Adams hauled Saints back into contention before Matt Le Tissier levelled.

Carter had the final say as Saints were beaten just a week after they had won 4-3 against Ipswich.

September 25 1993 Arsenal 1 Saints 0

Paul Merson settled matters before half-time.

January 24 1995 Arsenal 1 Saints 1

Jim Magilton lobbed a cheeky leveller over David Seaman with 16 minutes left to give Saints a point, John Hartson having opened the scoring.

September 2 1995 Arsenal 4 Saints 2

Saints were 2-0 down inside 23 minutes, Dennis Bergkamp and Tony Adams on target.

The visitors were level at half-time, though, thanks to Gordon Watson and Ken Monkou.

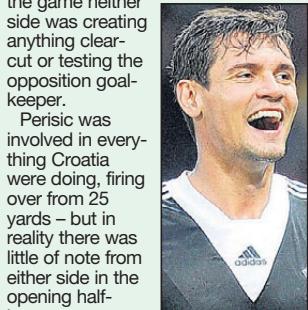
Bergkamp put the Gunners back in front on 68 minutes before Ian Wright added a fourth.

December 4 1996 Arsenal 3 Saints 1

Paul Merson and Ian Wright (penalty) put Arsenal in command.

Though Eyal Berkovic reduced the arrears, Paul Shaw had the final say in the last minute.

January 31 1998



SAINTS TAKING AIM AT GUNNERS



STUNNED: Adam Lallana reacts to Saints losing 6-1 against Arsenal last season.

Arsenal 3 Saints 0

Arsenal plundered three second half goals in the space of seven minutes through Dennis Bergkamp, Tony Adams and Nicolas Anelka.

October 17 1998 Arsenal 1 Saints 1

David Howells cancelled out Nicolas Anelka's goal.

February 26 2000 Arsenal 3 Saints 1

Freddie Ljungberg and Dennis Bergkamp put the hosts in command at half-time.

Dean Richards brought Saints back into the game, but Ljungberg added his second.

December 2 2000 Arsenal 1 Saints 0

Jermaine Pennant (3) and Robert Pires (2) were on target before Jo Tessem replied.

Pires completed his own triple in the second half as



An 85th minute Patrick Vieira goal sends Saints back home pointless.

February 2 2002 Arsenal 1 Saints 1

Jo Tessem grabbed an 80th minute leveller for Gordon Strachan's side, after Sylvain Wiltord had fired Arsenal into the lead.

May 7 2003 Arsenal 6 Saints 1

Saints were incredibly 5-0 down after just 26 minutes - paying the price for fielding a weakened side ahead of their FA Cup final against the Gunners.

Jermaine Pennant (3) and Robert Pires (2) were on target before Jo Tessem replied.

Pires completed his own triple in the second half as

Saints slumped to their heaviest ever loss at Highbury.

February 10 2004 Arsenal 2 Saints 0

Thierry Henry scored his 100th Premier League goal in the process of netting a brace in what turned out to be Gordon Strachan's last game in charge of Saints.

October 30 2004 Arsenal 2 Saints 2

Rory Delap put Saints in with a chance of a famous victory by scoring twice late on.

Delap netted in the 80th and 85th minutes after Thierry Henry had put Arsenal ahead.

But sub Robin van Persie dashed Steve Wigley's hopes of a stunning victory

September 15 2012 Arsenal 6 Saints 1

Saints crashed to a six-goal thrashing for the second time in four league visits to Arsenal.

Their first ever trip to the Emirates saw them 4-0 down early on before Danny Fox reduced the arrears.

Saints didn't help themselves with defenders Jos Hooiveld and Nathaniel Clyne both putting through their own goal.

Gervinho netted twice and Lucas Podolski and ex-Saint Theo Walcott were also on target.

The defeat took Saints' goals against column to 14 after just four games.

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SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2013/14



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Sat 24	Sunderland	(H)	D 1-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte 1	Lovren	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Lallana*	Lambert	Clyne*	Ramirez***
Tue 27	Barnsley (CCC 2) ..	(A)	W 5-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	S Davis 2	Isgrove*	Ramirez 1	Mayuka*** 1	Osvaldo**	Osvaldo***
Sat 31	Norwich	(A)	L 0-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Osvaldo***	Lallana*	Reed**	Reed**
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Tues 24	Bristol City (CCC 3) (H)		W 2-0	K Davis	Chambers	Yoshida	Hooiveld 1	Fox	Wanyama	S Davis***	W-Prowse	Ramirez 1	Lee*	Rodriguez*	Reed**
Sat 28	Crystal Palace	(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Osvaldo 1	Lambert** 1	W-Prowse*	Ramirez***
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Sat 26	Fulham	(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse**	Rodriguez* 1	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Do Prado***
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Sat 9	Hull	(H)	W 4-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez* 1	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Do Prado*
Sat 23	Arsenal	(A)								Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Rodriguez* 1	Lambert** 1	Ramirez*	Gallagher***
DECEMBER															
Sun 1	Chelsea	(A)								Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Rodriguez* 1	Lambert	Lee*	Cork***
Wed 4	Aston Villa	(H)								Reed	S Davis**	Ramirez***	Lambert	W-Prowse**	Rowe***
Sat 7	Manchester City	(H)								Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Lallana*** 1	Lambert	Ramirez*	Ramirez***
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DEJAN LOVREN	11	1	0	0	11	1	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	6(5)	0	1(1)	0	17(18)	1	BILLY SHARP	0	0	0	0	12(6)	10
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MAYA YOSHIDA	0	0	3	1	36(1)	1	OMAR ROWE	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0							
LUKE SHAW	9(1)	0	0	0	33(6)	0	JAKE SINCLAIR	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0							
DANNY FOX	2	0	3	0	57(10)	1	GASTON RAMIREZ	0(4)	0	3	2	23(10)	7							
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	GULY DO PRADO	0(3)	0	1	0	78(31)	22							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

LALLANA HEADS THE C

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SPORTS EDITOR

THEY were united by a common bond – selected as some of the most promising youngsters in England.

But life has certainly been kinder to some than others since a heady April day on the south coast seven and a half years ago.

Saints' Adam Lallana made his under-18 debut for his country against Slovakia at Bournemouth's Dean Court on Easter Monday, 2006.

It was a memorable return to the town where he grew up, scoring the winning goal in England's 2-1 victory.

Since that day, Lallana has gone on to star for Saints in successive promotions and is now skippering the club in a remarkable Premier League campaign.

But what happened to the rest of his England colleagues?

Somewhat surprisingly, he is the only one from that team of 2006 currently playing in the Premier League.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the likely lads who shared Lallana's England joy – and discovers that the St Mary's star is the exception to the rule.

Luke Daniels: The goalkeeper signed for West Brom in 2004 after being released from Manchester United's academy aged 14.

Remarkably, after nine years at The Hawthorns, he made his first league appearance for the club in August of this year as a sub against Everton.

He has been loaned out seven times, including season long spells at Trammere and Shrewsbury.

Elliott Omozusi: The rightback only made eight appearances for Fulham until he was released in 2010.

Joined Leyton Orient but had his contract cancelled after being sentenced to two and a half years in prison in November 2011 for intimidating a witness in a murder trial.

Despite that, Orient gave him a second chance earlier this year when he was released from prison, and he has been a regular in the London club's superb start to the League 1 campaign.

Anthony Straker: The defender left Crystal Palace, where he never played a senior game, to join Aldershot in the summer of 2007.

Made about 200 league appearances for the north Hampshire club, helping them to promotion from the Conference in 2008, before moving to Southend United in the summer of 2012.

Made his international debut for Grenada in 2011.

Fabrice Muamba: The midfielder made global headlines in March 2012 when he suffered a cardiac arrest during a televised FA Cup match between Bolton and Tottenham Hotspur.

He eventually recovered, despite his heart having stopped for more than an hour, but following medical advice he announced his retirement from professional football the following August.

At the time of playing alongside Lallana for England U18s, Muamba was at Arsenal. He never played a league game for the club, though, and after two spells at Birmingham – the first on loan – he joined Bolton in 2008.

Michael Mancienne: The centre half made only four league appearances for Chelsea in five years before joining German Bundesliga club Hamburg in 2011.

During his time at Stamford Bridge he was sent out on loan five times – twice to QPR and three times to Wolves.

In November 2008, when he was playing for



WINNER: Adam Lallana celebrates his goal, below, for England under-18s v Slovakia in 2006.

Wolves in the Championship, he was summoned up by Fabio Capello for England against Germany, though he didn't play.

Rossi Jarvis: Currently playing for Championship leaders Cambridge United, who have been since 2011.

Jarvis left Norwich in 2008 after just a few league appearances, joining Luton Town.

At the time the Hatters were starting their 2 season with a minus 30-point deduction.

Though he was unable to help them out of the drop, he was a regular in the Luton side that defeated Nigel Adkins' Scunthorpe to

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CLASS OF 2006



Hogan Ephraim: Never made a league appearance for West Ham prior to joining QPR in 2008.

Has made about 100 league outings for the Hoops, scoring four goals.

During that time he has been loaned out to Leeds, Charlton, Bristol City and Canadian club Toronto. Last week he was loaned out again, this time to Peterborough.

Jennison Williams: The winger is currently a regular at Port Vale.

Starting his career at Bristol City, he was regularly loaned out to the likes of Cheltenham, Tranmere, Carlisle and Hereford.

He moved to Dundee United in 2009 before a season with St Johnstone.

On returning to England, he played for Vale on loan in 2011/12 before joining the Valiants permanently.

Myles Weston: The attacking midfielder was another who never made a league appearance for the club he was with when England beat Slovakia at Dean Court in 2006.

After leaving Charlton Athletic, he played more than 100 league games for Brentford before joining Gillingham in the summer of 2012.

Is a regular for the League 1 club, having helped them win promotion last season.

SUBSTITUTES

Zac Jones: The former Blackburn Rovers keeper spent a short loan period at Saints in 2006.

He later played for Stockport County, Forest Green and Barrow prior to joining AFC Fylde in November 2012.

Jones is currently playing for Vauxhall Motors in the Skrill Conference North League.

Scott Phelan: Was released by Everton in 2007 without making a competitive appearance for the club. After moving to Bradford City, Phelan dipped down into non league to join FC Halifax in 2008.

Spells later followed at Kidderminster and Vauxhall Motors before he joined Altrincham in 2012. Is currently a youth team coach at Everton.

Adam Watts: The defender left Fulham in 2010 without making a competitive appearance for the club.

After loan spells at MK Dons, Northampton and Lincoln, he joined the latter permanently.

After two years at Sincil Bank, Watts moved onto Conference South club Eastbourne Borough in October last year and was manager Tommy Widdrington's player of the year at the end of the season.

Rob Sissons: Released by Bolton in 2009 without playing a single first team game, Sissons read Law at the University of Manchester, skippering the men's first team.

He signed for non league club Droylsden in 2012, but his current whereabouts are unknown.

Jamie Davis: Left Tottenham in 2007 without having played a first team game, taking up a University place at Bath University. Current whereabouts are unknown.

Mitchell Hanson: Released by Derby County in 2011 without playing a league game – he made just one sub appearance in the League Cup – he is now playing for Derbyshire non league club Gresley after two years with Eastwood Town.

David Dowson: Released by Sunderland without making a first team appearance, Dowson spent two goal-filled seasons with Durham City from 2010-2012 prior to joining Darlington.

at Wembley.

Jarvis moved to Barnet for the 2010/11 season before joining Cambridge United.

Jay Simpson: The winger scored twice on his first senior start for Arsenal, in a League Cup tie against Wigan in November 2008.

But he never made a league appearance for the Gunners and, after loan spells at QPR, Millwall and West Bromwich Albion, joined Hull City in 2010.

After helping the Tigers win promotion to the Premier League last season, he is currently playing for Buriram United in the Thailand League.

Football fixtures for week ahead

Monday, November 18

FA CUP

First round replay: Brackley v Gillingham.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League 1: Walsall v Peterborough.

SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

South: Boreham Wood v Bath City.

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Division One South & West: Clevedon v Cirencester.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Winchester City v Dorchester Town.

Tuesday, November 19

FIFA WORLD CUP

European Qualifying play-offs second leg:

Croatia v Iceland, France v Ukraine,

Romania v Greece, Sweden v Portugal.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Argentina v Bosnia-Herzegovina, Australia v

Costa Rica, Austria v USA, Belgium v Japan,

England v Germany (8pm ko), Holland v

Colombia, Liechtenstein v Estonia, Malta v

Faroe Islands, Norway v Scotland, Poland v

Rep of Ireland, Russia v South Korea,

Slovenia v Canada, South Africa v Spain,

Gibraltar v Slovakia.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

(selected)

Qualifying Group Six: Montenegro U21 v

Rep of Ireland.

Qualifying Group One: England U21 v San

Marino U21 (6pm ko).

Qualifying Group Nine: N Ireland U21 v

Cyprus U21.

FA CUP

First round: Bury v Cambridge Utd.

First round replays: Carlisle v Boreham

Wood, Crewe v Wycombe, Newport County

v Braintree Town, Scunthorpe v Grimsby,

Wolverhampton v Oldham, York v Bristol

Rovers.

SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

South: Bishops Stortford v Staines,

Dorchester v Tonbridge Angels.

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Banbury v Bedford,

Chippingham v Truro, Hungerford v

Biggswade.

Division One South & West: Mangotsfield v

Stratford, Thatcham v Bridgwater, Tiverton v

Godalming (7.30).

Red Insure Cup, second round: Weymouth v

Poole Town.

RUSSELL COTES CUP

Second round: AFC Porthcester v Pewsey

Vale, Fareham Town v US Portsmouth,

Farnborough v Bermonsey HH, Gosport

Borough v Totton & Elking, New Milton v

Christchurch.

SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP

First round: Downton v Laverstock & Ford.

ANDOVER OPEN CUP

Whitchurch Utd v Wonston Swifts.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Shield League Phase: (D) Hayling Utd v Moneyfields.

Wednesday, November 20

FIFA WORLD CUP

Asia/South America play-off second leg:

Uruguay v Jordan.

FA CUP

First round replay: Gateshead v Oxford Utd,

Plymouth v Lincoln City.

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Cambridge City v St

Albans.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Fawley AFC v

Moneyfields, Verwood v Hamworthy Utd.

RUSSELL COTES CUP

Second round: Romsey Town v

Stockbridge, Sholing v Newport IoW.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, first round:

Petersfield Town v AFC Totton.

Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round:

Ringwood Town v US Portsmouth.

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v

Dorchester Town.

Division One West: Lymington Town v

Laverstock & Ford.

Wyvern Shield League Phase: (B) Locks

Heath v Wimborne Town (7.30), (C) Horndean

v Folland Sports.

ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP

Second round: Alton Town Res v Four

Marks.

Thursday, November 21

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Shield League Phase:

(B) Christchurch v Verwood, (D) Romsey v

Newport IoW.

Friday, November 22

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Doncaster v Yeovil.

SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

South: Farnborough v Gosport Borough.

Saturday, November 23

(FL games 3pm ko unless stated)

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal v SAINTS, Everton v Liverpool

(12.45pm), Fulham v Swansea, Hull v Crystal

Palace, Newcastle v Norwich, Stoke v

Sunderland, West Ham v Chelsea (5.30pm).

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Birmingham v Blackpool,

Blackburn v Reading, Bournemouth v Derby,

Ipswich v Leicester, Leeds v Middlesbrough,

Millwall v Barnsley, Notton Forest v Burnley,

(12.15pm), Watford v Bolton, Wigan v

Brighton.

League 1: Bristol City v Sheff Utd, Coventry

v Tranmere (2pm ko), Crawley Town v

Walsall, Crewe v Port Vale, Gillingham v

Oldham, Milton Keynes Dons v Bradford,

Peterborough v Stevenage, Preston v

Colchester, Rotherham v Carlisle,

Shrewsbury v Notts County, Swindon v

Leiston Orient, Wolverhampton v Brentford.

League 2: Accrington Stanley v Torquay,

Burton Albion v Bristol Rovers, Bury v AFC

Wimbledon, Cheltenham v Newport County,

Chesterfield v Wycombe, Fleetwood Town v

Mansfield, Hartlepool v Northampton, Oxford

Utd v Morecambe, Plymouth v Dag & Red,

Portsmouth v Scunthorpe, Rochdale v

Exeter, Southend v York.

BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE

SAINTS U18 v Reading U18 (11am).

SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Premier: Aldershot v Southport, Braintree

Town v FC Halifax, Cambridge Utd v

Woking, Dartford v Gateshead, Grimsby v

Barnet, Hyde v Alfreton Town, Kidderminster

v Tamworth, Lincoln City v Hereford, Luton v

Welling, Nuneaton v Chester FC, Salisbury v

Macclesfield, Wrexham v Forest Green.

South: Bath City v Maidenhead, Bromley v

Havant & W'loo, Chelmsford v Dover,

Eastbourne v Boreham Wood, Eastleigh v

Tonbridge Angels, Ebbsfleet v Basingstoke,

Hayes & Yeading v Weston-super-Mare,

Staines v Concord Rangers, Sutton v

Dorchester, Whitehawk v Bishop's Stortford.

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Banbury v Poole Town,

Bideford v Stourbridge, Burnham v

Cambridge City, Chesham v AFC Totton,

Frome v Hemel Hempstead, Hitchin v

Bashley, Hungerford v Bedford, Redditch v

Corby, St Neots v St Albans, Truro v

Biggleswade, Weymouth v Arlesley.

Division One South & West: Bishops

Cleeve v Tiverton, Bridgwater v Swindon

Supermarine, Cinderford v Taunton,

Cirencester v Thatcham, Didcot v Merthyr

Town, Fleet Town v Evesham, Godalming v

Mangotsfield, Shortwood v Guildford City,

Wimborne v Clevedon, Yate v North Leigh.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Alresford v Folland

Sports, Bournemouth Poppies v Downton,

Brockenhurst v Hordean, Christchurch v

Sholing, Lympstone Town v Bermonsey HH,

Moneyfields v AFC Portchester, Newport

IoW v Hamworthy Utd, Romsey v Blackfield

& Langley, Verwood v Totton & Eling,

Whitchurch v Fawley AFC, Winchester City v

Fareham.

Division One: East: Andover Lions v Michelmersh

& Timsbury, Four Marks v Upham, Hamble

Club Broughton, Infinity v Durley,

University of Portsmouth v Bush Hill.

Combination: Fleetlands v Paulsgrove,

Liphook v Liss, Michelmersh & Timsbury v

Clanfield, Otterbourne v Hedge End

Rangers, Overton & Hamble Club.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, first round: Fawley

AFC v Alresford Tn, Sholing v Tedley Calleva.

Premier Division: Bemerton HH v

Non-league Football

Non-league News

Rusher back in Andover shirt

ANDOVER Lions have pulled off a coup by welcoming town hero Vinnie Rusher to the Hampshire Premier League Division One club.

Rusher, whose son Reece has been banging in goals for the Lions, previously played for the old Andover FC under Lions boss Ray Cozzi – a connection that proved vital in securing his signature.

The gifted left-sided forward, pictured below, scored 179 goals during several spells with the Portway Stadium club and, between times, he helped Eastleigh climb out of the Wessex League. More recently Rusher has been on the books of Downton and, latterly, Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

It was Cozzi who handed him his debut at the age of 16 and, all these years later, he similarly ‘baptised’ Reece for the Lions.

Cozzi said:
“Vinnie is a quality player and has been so for many years now.”

“He’ll enjoy it here. He knows he hasn’t got too many years left in him, but he’ll offer a lot of experience to our ranks and help everyone when he’s with us.”

“The thought of playing alongside Reece was a draw for him as was the thought of pulling on the Andover shirt again.”

“He’s got a few more goals in him yet!”

There was more good news for the Lions when they were named Puma Engineering HPL team-of-the-month for October – a deserved reward for winning three out of three, including a 2-1 result at Locks Heath in the League Cup.

The award was warmly welcomed by Chris Paris, who helped form the Lions following the demise of the old Andover club a couple of years back.

He said: “We are all absolutely delighted with this. It’s great we are getting recognition for the progress we are making.”

“I thought that we were in with a shout for the award but, as we had one week off, I thought perhaps someone else might have nicked it off us.”

“This is for everyone involved as the commitment has been exceptional on and off the pitch.”

“We need to keep that same work ethic, same team spirit, same winning mentality and get something bigger at the end of the season.”



Spetch has ‘all the attributes’ to be pro success

FORMER AFC Totton skipper Carl Pettefer believes Poole Town teammate Will Spetch has “all the attributes” to carve out a career in the professional ranks.

Pettefer, a product of the Portsmouth youth set-up, delivered his appraisal after learning Pompey fanatic Spetch had earned a trial with his former club.

Portsmouth-born Spetch, a plasterer by trade, has shot to prominence in the Calor Southern Premier Division this

season and is also being monitored by Huddersfield and Forest Green Rovers.

And Exeter City, who Pettefer served on loan in 2002/03, are also monitoring the highly thought-of 22-year-old, who has progressed through Poole’s youth ranks.

Pettefer, who made almost 200 appearances for Pompey, Exeter, Southend, Oxford United and AFC Bournemouth, said: “I think Will is a really good player and he has definitely

got all the attributes to go all the way.”

“He is quick and very athletic. He is also a really fit lad so, from that point of view, he wouldn’t have any trouble slotting in at a pro club.”

“He is good on the ball and he has played a number of different positions since I have been at Poole.”

“Wherever he has played, he has done well, so I think he would have a good chance in the pro game.”

Pettefer, who joined Poole from

Southern Premier rivals AFC Totton during the summer, added: “Will is still young, so has plenty of time.”

“It is a big step, but there are other players who have done it and he doesn’t strike me as the kind of guy who would get nervous at the prospect of having a trial.”

“Until you are involved in the pro game, it is hard to tell how people will do and how they react. It will be interesting to see how he does.”



WILL SPETCH

LUKE-ING GOOD

Riley hails potential of home-grown Stags youngster

WITH money in short supply at the Testwood Stadium this season, AFC Totton have plenty of borrowed young Football League talent in their ranks.

But it’s a home-grown lad who continues to sparkle for the Stags as they fight for their lives near the foot of the Calor Southern Premier Division, writes WENDY GEE.

Last season Luke Roberts was very much the ‘baby’ of Steve Riley’s first-team squad, having progressed through the club’s youth set-up.

But with the bulk of the club’s senior players departing during the summer he now finds himself as an old head on young shoulders in an inexperienced Totton line-up.

Tuesday night was not the Stags’ finest, thumped 5-0 at home by Frome Town.

But, once again, Roberts – younger brother of Blackfield & Langley’s former Eastleigh midfielder ‘Taz’ – shone like a beacon of hope for the future.

“Collectively we were not good enough, but Luke’s put in another excellent performance. He’s been outstanding all season and must have covered every blade of grass against Frome,” said Riley.

“Luke’s work-rate is phenomenal. He sets the bar so high.”

“He was only a young lad when he came into the side last season, but now we call him one of our senior pros.”

“He’s a great lad with a good future ahead of him.”

Totton currently have a quartet of Football League youngsters dual-signed with them – Saints winger Jamal Branker, AFC Bournemouth defender Jake McCarthy and Portsmouth pair Liam Triggs and George Branford.

YOUNG GUN: AFC Totton’s Luke Roberts and, inset, team manager Steve Riley.

All four are learning valuable lessons about the senior men’s game, but Riley’s one regret is that he hasn’t got enough experienced players around to show them the ropes.

“It’s a great learning curve for them,” said the Stags boss. “But although we’ve got Ryan Hill and Chris Ferrett, the one thing I wish is that we had one or two more experienced players because, in certain departments, that would help these young lads learn so much more game on game.”

“That’s not a criticism, it’s just where we are as a club. We’re lacking experience.”

That was all too evident against Brian O’Donnell’s Frome who ran riot with goals from Ben Wood (3), former Poole Town loanee Rhys Bagridge and ex-Downton youngster Brandon Munday.

“It wasn’t a 5-0 game, but we didn’t deserve to get anything out of it,” said Riley.

“We lacked quality all night and I said to the boys that we’ve got to be better than that if we want to compete in this league – me included.”

“Luke was outstanding, James Jennings kept the ball really well and was a threat down the left and Rob Flooks was solid at the back.”

“But collectively we weren’t good enough. Our decision-making was poor, we lacked quality and we looked a bit disjointed.”

“Our passing wasn’t good enough and neither was our defending.”

“But credit to Frome, they’re a good side and they deserved their victory.”

“Their midfielder Matt Smith ran the show and we couldn’t cope with the lad Ben Wood up front. Sometimes you’ve just got to pat the opposition on the back and say ‘you were better than us.’”



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SMASH 'N' GRAB RAID WAS PLANNED - HILL

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

SOME might class Eastleigh's 93rd-minute winner against Farnborough last Saturday as lucky.

But fortune favours the brave they say and Spittires boss Richard Hill would like to think it was reward for bold tactics.

With time running out at the Silverlake, an end-to-end second half could have swung either way, but it was Hill's Skrill Conference South high-fliers who plundered the points with a late smash 'n' grab raid.

There were just seconds on the clock when Will Evans and Dan Spence – both on as 84th-minute substitutes – fashioned a build-up down the left.

Spence rolled a pass in for Michael Green, who had been pushed forward from left-back, and he drove the ball across goal for dependable targetman Craig McAllister to bury at the back stick.

"Farnborough could say we were a bit lucky, but we've been bold towards the end," said Hill.

"The game was entering its 94th minute and we were still being positive and trying to win it."

"We brought Chris Dillon on and went 4-2, sticking Greener higher up the pitch."

"And the changes paid off because one sub has passed to another who has then played in Greener, who's been pushed further up, and he's driven the ball across for the goal."

"I look at my own performance before I look at the players on the pitch and I'd say we were bold."

"We stuck Will Evans in the middle, playing two against their three, and pushed Greener on."



LATE WINNER: Eastleigh's Craig McAllister, centre, takes on the Farnborough defence.

"Is that good management or is that luck?"

With table-topping Bromley out of league action, Eastleigh's last-gasp victory lifted them to within a point of the Kent pace-setters.

And on Tuesday they overtook them with a thoroughly professional 2-0 win at newly-promoted Hampshire rivals Gosport Borough.

With combative ex-Spitfire Jamie Brown suspended, Borough boss Alex Pike opted to pack out his midfield to try and stifle the pedigree visitors.

It worked for 45 minutes but, once the Spittires had gone ahead through

a Yemi Odubade shot that deflected in off former Eastleigh and Saints man Brett Poate, there was only going to be one outcome.

Another ex-Saint, Tom Dunford, might have done better for Gosport early in the second half, slicing the ball wide from Mike Gosney's clever cutback.

But the 21 points that separated the sides at the start of the second-to-bottom versus second-to-top clash became ever more evident as the half progressed.

Odubade had another effort cleared off the line by Sam Pearce and then skipper Glen Southam turned and



Non-league News

Master and apprentice
AN astonishing 30 years separated the oldest from the youngest in the Poole Town side that saw off Holt United in the Dorset Senior Cup at Tatnam.

Veteran midfielder Taffy Richardson, 47, scored twice while, alongside him, 17-year-old Parkstone lad Billy Lowes played a starring role in the 3-0 win.

"It was the master and his apprentice," smiled manager Tommy Killick.

"In their own way, they were both exceptional."

"Taffy scored a great first goal and Billy was very impressive throughout."

They were great as a pair."



Richardson, pictured right, opened the scoring with a finely-taken effort before ex-AFC Totton striker Michael Charles doubled the lead.

Holt goalkeeper Tom Rees made a string of fine saves to keep the Southern Premier outfit at bay before Richardson headed home the third in the second half.

Victory sets up a last-eight clash with Wimborne Town – a repeat of last year's final, which Poole won 4-1.

The showdown is at Tatnam on December 3.

Assistant boss wanted

SYDENHAMS Premier outfit Verwood Town are in the hunt for a right-hand man.

The Potters want to enhance their first-team management set-up by appointing an assistant manager.

The person appointed would work closely with team boss Adie Arnold and coach Andy Darnton, assisting in all duties on match days and training sessions.

Experience and/or knowledge of Wessex League football would be an advantage but not essential.

"This is a great opportunity for somebody wishing to progress in non-League football with a very friendly and well-run club," said chairman Steve Jefferis.

For further details call Steve on 07896 627060 or e-mail him at stevejj43@gmail.com.

City cup heroes out to upset ex-Saint Adams



VALE BOSS: Micky Adams.

SALISBURY City have an ex-Saint in their sights after producing an explosive display of firepower to dump Conference Premier rivals Dartford out of the FA Cup.

Whites' reward for their 4-2 victory at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium is a trip to former Southampton defender Micky Adams' Port Vale on Friday, December 6.

After goals by Dan Fitchett (2), Ben Wright and Elliott Frear had pulled the plug on the Darts' Cup dream, City learned that either Port Vale or Southern League minnows

Shortwood United awaited them when Sunday's second round draw was made.

And the picture became clear on Monday when Vale, of League One, came away comfortable 4-0 winners from Shortwood's Meadowbank Ground.

Salisbury boss Mikey Harris, whose side were rewarded with a cheque for £18,000 for the Dartford win, said: "We wanted to get into the second round at the first time of asking and we did."

"We've got a fantastic home record and I was delighted we

carried that on."

"We started the game well, but we're just disappointed we conceded two sloppy goals."

"But I said to the lads there's no goal difference in the FA Cup."

"We've got a strong squad and hopefully we can maintain the form we're currently showing."

Salisbury's trip to Port Vale has been arranged for the Friday night to avoid clashing with Stoke City's Premier League game against Chelsea at the Britannia Stadium the following day.

Ticket prices will be £12 adults and £6 concessions (over-62s/under-16s).

FA CUP PRIZE FUND 2013/14
Extra preliminary round winners: £1,500
Preliminary round winners: £1,925
First qualifying round winners: £3,000
Second qualifying round winners: £4,500
Third qualifying round winners: £7,500
Fourth qualifying round winners: £12,500
First round proper winners: £18,000
Second round proper winners: £27,000
Third round proper winners: £67,500
Fourth round proper winners: £90,000
Fifth round proper winners: £180,000
Sixth round proper winners: £360,000
Semi-final winners: £900,000
Semi-final losers: £450,000
Runners-up: £900,000
Winners: £1,800,000

MAIDSTONE v EASTLEIGH REPORT AND REACTION IN MONDAY'S ECHO

Non-league Football

Non-league News

Matt's marathon effort
ANDOVER New Street manager Matt Styles, pictured below, was missing from the touchline for the recent 2-1 home win over Fleet Spurs.

Instead he was on the other side of the Atlantic preparing to take part in the New York Marathon.

Styles, who ran on behalf of the Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Treatment and Research Charity, completed the course in four hours, 56 minutes and 36 seconds.

Wilson at the double
ON-LOAN Eastleigh striker Sam Wilson, below, scored his first two goals in Fleet Town colours last Saturday – but that was the only bright spot of a home demolition by Stratford Town.

Having twice come back from behind – the second time from the penalty spot – Wilson & Co found themselves on the end of a hefty 7-2 Calor South & West beating.
It made it 13 goals conceded in five nightmare days for the north Hampshire club, who had suffered a 6-0 home hammering by Yate Town in midweek.

Priory celebrity match
CHRISTCHURCH are hosting a celebrity football match tomorrow (Sunday, November 17, 3pm) in aid of the Steve Bernard Foundation.

Priory will be facing a VIP FC XI featuring the likes of Steve Fletcher, Steve Claridge and TV star Jeff Brazier.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children, including match entry and the opportunity to mingle with celebrities after the game.

The Steve Bernard Foundation was set up in memory of former Christchurch player 'Stevie B' who tragically died in a car accident in November 2005.

Following his death, his family and friends were inundated with support and donations and, since the Foundation was formed in February 2006, it has gone on to raise more than £180,000 for sporting projects based across Bournemouth, Dorset and the south coast.



SOFTLEY: WE'RE NOT IN RELEGATION FIGHT

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FOOTBALL is littered with clubs who were "too good to get relegated" – and then were.

But Downton boss Jeff Softley genuinely believes there are too many quality players in his Wick Lane squad for the club to get sucked into the Sydenhams Premier Division drop zone.

Having finished sixth and eighth in the last two seasons, Downton are finding the going far tougher this time having lost several key players during the summer.

But all the time class acts like Declan McGregor, Josh Thomas, Danny Western, Danny Finnigan, Jamie Waters, Matt Palmer, Joe Dorrington and goalkeeper Charlie Aldridge remain in the Robins nest, Softley is quietly confident things will come right.

"We're sixth to bottom and we've played a lot of games, but I don't believe we're in a relegation fight at the moment," he said.

"I've got belief in these players to get us out of the hole we're in."

"If you look around at the other teams near the bottom, they've got one or two half decent players, whereas we've got about 11 of them. "But the biggest problem we've got is that when we haven't got a full squad available, our strength is quite diminished.

"We've got a lot of youngsters on the bench from the reserves and for them to come on and change a game is difficult.

"We've got some very good players here but when things don't go our way, they really do go wrong."

"We're not scoring enough and we've been conceding some horrendous goals which is why we've got



CLASS: Downton striker Declan McGregor, left.

the worst defensive record in the league."

Although Softley admits things have been "difficult" at Downton this term, he says it's important to remember that the past two seasons have been exceptional by the Wiltshire club's standards.

"Finishing sixth and eighth is the highest anyone's achieved at this club in about 100 years," he said.

"It's always been a struggle here. The catchment area makes it difficult to attract players and people

While Downton were desperately disappointed to lose 4-2 at Lymington Town last Saturday, having led twice, they can at least comfort themselves with news that skipper Josh Thomas is staying at Wick Lane.

The former Salisbury City, Poole Town and Gosport Borough centre-back was high on Winchester City's wanted list following the arrival of Neil Hards at the Denplan City Ground.

But Thomas, who recently rejoined the Robins from neighbours Bemerton, has turned down another move.

"It's great for us, fantastic news" smiled Softley. "Josh is a friend of mine, he likes the club and I was really pleased when we got him back from Bemerton."

"Some players play for clubs and others play for managers and Josh came back to play for me."

According to Winchester boss Hards, Thomas had hinted he would be giving up the game when he turned down City's advances.

Softley said: "Josh hasn't said anything to me about giving up football but, having said that, he hates losing and he would like to think we are trying to push Downton forwards."

"We need to start getting some results and, if we turn the corner, I'm pretty sure Josh will stay. But if we keep getting bad results, I think he'd knock football on the head, which would be a massive loss in my book."

"Josh is a winner and he wants things to change. For him to turn down Winchester for Downton means a lot."

New in at Downton are Martin Johnson, a right-sided player signed from Frome Town, and 18-year-old American under-18 player Joe Mancini.

"Joe's involved in the American youth set-up and is currently at university in Southampton," Softley explained. "He's got definite potential but needs fitness."



GOALKEEPER WEBB STEALS THE SHOW

FORMER Folland Sports goalkeeper Jon Webb stole the show as AFC Portchester trumped Bemerton Heath Harlequins 3-0 at Wicor Rec last weekend.

Two-goal Simon Woods and Nathan Kirby got the points in the bag, but Webb played a massive part with a couple of outstanding saves from Heath striker Steve Whitcher. Bemerton boss Ian Chalk felt the Portchester stopper had a big say in the outcome.

"It was a really difficult game in difficult conditions," he said.

"We were every bit as good as them and it was an end-to-end game, but I haven't seen a goalkeeper play that well at this level for a long time."

"They are the best side we have played this season by some way."

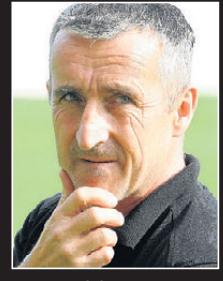
Southampton-based Webb, 22, was with Saints Academy from the age of eight to 16 and went on to join the youth ranks at Eastleigh.

He first rose to prominence as a 19-year-old, turning in a man-of-the-match performance for Follands in the FA Cup at

Farnborough. Prior to joining Portchester, he was No2 to Rory Anderson at Winchester City.

Portchester's director of football Mick Jenkins was equally impressed by Webb, stating: "Everyone played their part and the two saves by Jon really showed what we are all about when it comes to winning matches against good Wessex sides – and Bemerton are certainly one them."

"Once again the lads did very well on a saturated pitch to deal with the pressure and keep a clean sheet."



IMPRESSED: Ian Chalk.

Non-league Football



Blaxall exit leaves Fawley void



AARON BLAXALL

HE wasn't one of the better known names on the Wessex circuit, but Aaron Blaxall's departure has left a gaping hole at Fawley AFC.

The Oilers, now in the Sydenhams Premier bottom-two following last Saturday's 3-0 defeat at title favourites Sholing, have desperately missed the young left-sided player since he signed for Calor Southern One South & West club Fleet Town.

"Aaron played either left-back or left midfield and it's really hit home this season how much we miss him," admitted Fawley boss Colin Lane.

"He was probably one of the most

vocal lads we had in the team.

"He gave 100 per cent in every game and we haven't replaced him."

Fawley were the latest fall guys at Sholing's Silverlake stronghold where goals by Marc Diaper, Ashley Jarvis and Lee Wort sentenced them to their fifth straight league defeat.

Afterwards Sholing boss Dave Diaper said: "It was very pleasing against a young Fawley side who came with the one intention of keeping the scoreline down.

"It was one-way traffic for most of the game, but it can be difficult when the opposition back four are camped on their

18-yard box.

"Fawley fought really hard to keep the scoreline down and the main thing for us was not conceding.

"The key to any successful team is the defence and, because I've got such a big squad here, I've rotated ours quite a bit.

"But any player who has stepped in has done a good job and it's pleasing that we've conceded just seven league goals so far."

Likening every game to a cup final, Diaper added: "Wessex League teams come here and give it their all against us.

"But fair play to our lads, their form is very good."

Non-league News

Coole's Town challenge

DORCHESTER Town have strengthened their board of directors with the appointment of Richard Coole as commercial director.

Coole has a wealth of experience having previously held senior director roles at Mercia Group and the Hansard Trust before founding and running a highly successful international company of his own.

Looking forward to working with the Skrill Conference South basement club, Coole said: "Given the ongoing economic climate, the job will not be an easy one, but I am confident that with the set-up, business model and facilities we have here, we can increase revenue streams in line with the club's aspirations to become a community club."

Coventry signs up

FORMER Whitchurch United striker Paul Coventry has signed for new Thatcham Town boss Richard Bourne.

Coventry – part of the Whitchurch squad that earned promotion from Sydenhams One last season – has switched camps to Thatcham from fellow Calor Southern South & West side Godalming Town.

Spurs v Spurs battle

SYDENHAMS One club Fleet Spurs have removed their cockerel logo from their official website while they stave off a potential cock fight with Premier League giants Spurs. A statement posted on the Fleet Spurs site explains: "We have been approached by the solicitors of Tottenham Hotspur with a claim that our joint club logo infringes their patented cockerel."

"Whilst we investigate the validity of this claim, we have decided to remove our cockerel from our website and all literature."

"We will inform players and supporters of progress once the issue is resolved."



SUSPENSION: Brockenhurst's Will Tickle (blue/white).

"At the same time as trying to keep hold of players, I'm trying to add new faces."

"Tom Hill's come into the club, but he's still not 100 per cent match fit, and Jacques Bernard (newly

signed from Christchurch) did well against Alresford."

"I can't knock any of the lads' endeavour, but they've got to start taking their chances."

Until recently McManus could

rely on one of the Wessex Premier's deadliest finishers to polish off those chances.

But, like Marden and Lloyd, striker Scott Joyce has followed former Brock boss John Pyatt to Calor Southern Premier neighbours Bashley.

Joyce's departure opened the door for pacy, young forward Lerone Rudy Plummer to make a name for himself up front.

But, typically of Brock's season, Plummer too has been lured away by high-riding divisional rivals Winchester City.

It's another disappointment for McManus, but he conceded: "To be fair, Rudy is unemployed and we can't compete with what Winchester are offering."

"We try to give some expenses when we can, but we're not in a financial position to go head-to-head with Winchester – or Bashley, for that matter."

"The club are looking to get a commercial manager on board to get some semblance of a budget for next year, but their goal this season is just to stay in the division."

"There's a lot going on behind the scenes at Brock and hopefully if we get a bit of a budget in place we'll be in more of a position to keep hold of players."

Penfold added: "Rudy leaving means we're in the hunt now for another number nine but, in the short-term we might have to think about changing Ben Penfold's mind about playing in defence."

"We've also got Braiden Hamilton here who's Rudy's best friend. They were together at Eastleigh and they go back even further with youth and Tyro football."

"Braiden wants to play down the middle and he will get his chance."

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Non-league Football

I'LL GIVE ROSS TIME - HARDS

Teenage keeper given chance to shine



AT JUST 19 years of age, Ross Casey still has a lot to learn about goalkeeping.

But Winchester City boss Neil Hards is prepared to give the Hedge End-based youngster time to develop his trade on the Sydenhams Premier Division stage.

After a promising start to the season, Casey was taken out of the firing line by Hards' predecessor Graham Kemp who brought experienced former Christchurch and Bashley stopper Stewart Kearn into the fold.

With Kearn now departed, Hards has the option of either sticking with Casey or opting for a more mature replacement and, at the moment, it looks as if youth will get its chance.

Hards, who was himself a goalkeeper with Plymouth Argyle, Gloucester City and Cheltenham Town, said: "Ross is a young lad who's very agile and has loads of potential and I see no reason to change that at the moment.

"He needs to have a fair run so that I can see him play and see how strong a character he is."

"He did all right last Saturday (in the 2-0 home defeat by Newport IoW) and made some decent saves. He strikes a decent ball, sweeps up behind the centre-backs and looks to have all the attributes needed to be a good 'keeper."

Casey came through the ranks at AFC Totton, joining as an under-16 and progressing through the under-18s and reserves before getting his first-team break as a 17-year-old.

He had a run in the Southern Premier Division last term while the Stags' former No1 Gareth Barfoot was suspended and spent time on loan at Winchester in the Southern One South & West.

Casey returned to the Denplan City Ground during the summer and established himself as Winchester's main man but, after a bright beginning, errors began creeping into his game – hence the arrival of Kearn.

Hards, though, says that's all part of the learning curve and he can accept a slip or two as long as his young 'keeper remains decisive in everything he does.

"Everyone makes mistakes. We had one or two individual errors that cost us goals against Newport," he said.

"But I've said to Ross that the important thing for a goalkeeper is to stick with his decision once he's made it and not change his



FLASHBACK: Neil Hards soaks his celebrating players with champagne after Winchester City's 2004 FA Vase triumph.

Perfect fit: Hards hails Masters signing

NEIL HARDS AND HIS NEWLY-APPOINTED WINCHESTER CITY NO2 PAUL MASTERS SHARE THE SAME FOOTBALLING PHILOSOPHY.

The former Havant and Waterlooville teammates hadn't seen each other in years prior to Masters stepping in as Hards's right-hand man last week.

But having chatted over their plans for the side, the pair are singing off the same hymn sheet and Hards is looking forward to spending more time on the training ground to get their message across.

"Paul and I know what we want to do," he said. "We've had a chat and there are no differences between us in how we want the team to play and how we want to put our ideas across.

"It makes things a lot easier when you both approach things the same way."

Former Saints reserves midfielder Masters is no stranger to the Sydenhams Wessex scene, having coached AFC Totton's FA Vase final side of 2007 and managed at Folland Sports (Hamble) and New Milton Town.

"Paul's a good lad, very keen and enthusiastic," said Hards.

"He knows the area, he knows this level of football, he's got a decent knowledge of local players and he's a good character to have around the dressing room.

"I hadn't seen him for donkey's years, but nothing changes. We all get older and put on a few pounds round the middle, but Paul looks much the same as he did 20 years ago.

"He'll be a massive benefit to us with his experience.

"He's very professional and he enjoys it."

During Hards's previous reign as Winchester manager, he memorably led the side to FA Vase glory against AFC Sudbury at Birmingham in 2004.

Andy Forbes's goals, Danny Smith's energy and Shaun Dyke's trickery instantly spring to mind looking back at one of the greatest ever Wessex League sides.

But Hards's 'dream team' also contained the steel of Mark Blake, Gary Green and Ian Mancey, who could all play a bit too, and that's the balance the manager wants to strike with his



SHARED PHILOSOPHY:
Paul Masters.

class of 2013/14.

With that in mind he has this week recruited gritty former AFC Bournemouth midfielder James Ford, 32, from Hamworthy United.

"As well as being good footballers, Blakey, Greener and Mancey wouldn't put up with any rubbish and we're a bit light in that department at the moment," said Hards.

"The side we've got now are all good footballers but, at times, they're just too nice.

"We've brought James Ford in because he's a bit of a character and a bit of a leader and we need a couple of lads like that in the side."

The one advantage of Winchester being out of all cup competitions is that it frees up more time for Hards and Masters to remould the side in training.

"We'll be changing the way we play over the next couple of weeks," said Hards.

"We've got time now to have a look at what we've got and create something for the future."

"We're not giving up hope this year, but Sholing are a street ahead of everyone else in this league and we've got to make sure we're on the right track for next season."

"I'm not a great lover of systems, but we'll go back to what we did before at Winchester, playing with three centre-halves, with one sweeping behind, and passing out from the back."

"We'll play through the middle, playing into the strikers' feet and also play down the wings."

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mind halfway through.

"All 'keepers have to make that judgement call and, whether it's right or wrong, I'm not going to have a pop them as long as they stick with it."

Given that the life of a goalkeeper can comfortably stretch into his 40s, Casey is a mere baby in footballing terms.

But so too was Simon Arthur when, under Hards' leadership, he provided the backbone of the City side that lifted the FA Vase at Birmingham in 2004 at the tender age of 20.

"Simon was only a young lad when he came in, but look what he achieved," said the boss.

"I've got no problem with age. It doesn't matter if you're 16 or 36 as long as you've got the ability and confidence to do the job."

"Ross has got the chance now to stake his claim and play.

"If he does what he does in train-

ing, he'll be fine. He'll get no pressure from me."

Asked whether he intended bringing in an understudy for Casey, Hards laughed: "Only a 52-year-old fat bloke!" referring to himself.

"We don't have back-up for Ross, but then how many clubs at this level do?"

"Finances are tight and you have to ask if we can carry another goal-keeper."

"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Kearn, who joined Winchester as a favour to his old Christchurch

boss Kemp after quitting as co-manager of Bashley last month, was always likely to be a stop-gap for City.

"Kearnsy agreed to join us in order to give Ross Casey a brief rest and we are appreciative of his efforts over the past few weeks," said director of football Dave Malone.

Team boss Hards added: "Kearnsy's a lovely bloke, but he was finding the travelling tough and he wants to concentrate a bit more on coaching. I wish him all the very best."

Non-league Football

New faces at Denplan

NEIL Hards this week made his first three signings since returning as manager of Winchester City.

New in at the Denplan City Ground are former AFC Bournemouth midfielder James Ford from Hamworthy United and strikers Lerone 'Rudy' Plummer, pictured below, from Brockenhurst and Daryl Phillips from Stockbridge.

Phillips, a former Winchester Castle player, has already had a brief stint with City during Paul McCarthy's time at the helm.

Ex-Eastleigh forward Plummer - who has international honours with the England Learning Disability Team - gave City's defence the runaround in Brock's recent Sydenhams Premier visit to the Denplan City Ground - albeit that he lacked a finish.

And, in 32-year-old Ford, Winchester have found themselves the experienced engine room leader that

Hards feels they have lacked this season. "James is the type of lad we've been missing," he said. "He's a talker and a bit of a leader and you need those

sort of characters in the side. "We've been after him for a couple of weeks since I first came back to the club."

With strikers Ben Osborne and, latterly Russell Cook, having followed Hards's predecessor Graham Kemp out of the door, Plummer and Phillips will add depth up front.

"Rudy and Daryl give us options," said Hards. "We've got Chris Flood but he's got a shoulder problem that he needs to get sorted."

"Rudy's only a young lad of 20, but he's sharp and he caused us problems when we played Brock."

"His finishing wasn't the best, but we think we can help him with that. He's young and he's raw and there's loads to work with. He's got every other attribute - he's mobile and good in the air - and hopefully we can give him that bit of confidence."

"We're looking to help him improve as much as he will help us improve."

"Daryl's got something about him. He's quite unorthodox and awkward, but he's quite a strong boy physically and he could surprise one or two."



ROMSEY HOLD BONDING SESSION AT EASTLEIGH

Bennett takes Town players to watch Skrill South derby

ROMSEY Town boss Carl Bennett used this week's fixture-less schedule as an opportunity to bond his squad in preparation for an inevitable relegation dogfight in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

The Bypass Ground side, who currently sit rock-bottom, have had a week away from the action and Bennett used that time to take his entire squad to watch Skrill Conference South high-fliers Eastleigh beat Gosport Borough 2-0 at Privett Park on Tuesday, writes PETER HOWARD.

"It was a bonding exercise to get the lads used to each other and enjoy an evening out," Bennett, pictured, said.

"We're a long way from emulating



Eastleigh's achievements, but it was good to get everyone in a different environment, away from the club, without the pressures of football."

Bennett has added Anele and Sanga Dolo from United Services Portsmouth along with Jordan Parker from Hampshire League outfit Colden Common to his squad as



Holder-Spooner ready to put injury hell behind him

JORDACE Holder-Spooner can finally see some light at the end of the tunnel following three frustrating months on the sidelines.

Basingstoke Town's former Saints and Eastleigh forward, left, has been out with a shoulder injury since the opening day of the season, but he was expected to play some part in today's FA Trophy tie against Hampton & Richmond Borough.

"It's great to have him back," said Stoke boss Jason Bristow.

"He's a way off starting, but it's good to know we have a player like him who could come on and make an impact from the bench.

"We are in a fantastic position now with a fully fit squad.

"With Ross Adams returning from his loan spell (at Chippenham Town), we have so many options within the squad.

"And to have Jordace starting to get match time is a huge boost to the team.

"So far this season it has been a real squad effort and that will continue to be very important to us in the coming weeks and months."

Basingstoke moved up to fourth in the Skrill

Conference South last Saturday with a hard-fought 1-0 victory at struggling Maidenhead United.

Town overcame their hard-working opponents and a heavy pitch to claim their fourth consecutive victory and keep another clean sheet.

The deadlock was broken on 43 minutes courtesy of a defensive howler from Maidenhead's Alfie Mawson.

Wes Daly's lofted through ball was heading into the arms of Elvija Putnins, but Mawson clearly didn't hear the goalkeeper's shout.

With nobody anywhere near him, the defender attempted to hack clear, but succeeded only in slicing the ball straight to the feet of substitute Neil Barrett, giving him the simple task of firing past an out-of-position Putnins from ten yards.

"It was another really good win," said Bristow. "The pitch was heavy but we stuck to our game plan, passed the ball well, particularly in the first half, and dominated the game.

"There were a couple of hairy moments towards the end, but you get that if you do not kill teams off. That is our only criticism, that we didn't kill the game off."

Non-league News

Vaughan men are believers

MANAGER Ken Vaughan believes the upturn in fortunes at Bournemouth Poppies can take the pressure off his players after the Dorset club finally clambered out of Sydenhams Premier drop zone.

Poppies bounced back after conceding a first-minute goal to trump Horndean 4-2 at Victoria Park last Saturday.

It was their third win in six league matches, pulling them out of the bottom two for the first time since starting the campaign with nine straight league defeats.

Martin Warren's brace sandwiched Luke Ingram's strike before half-time to hand Poppies the initiative after Horndean had led twice through Nathan Paxton and an own goal.

And when visiting defender Dan Hayes found his own net with 12 minutes to play, it was enough to ensure Poppies leapfrogged Fawley AFC, Totton & Eling and Verwood

Town into 18th place.

Vaughan, left, who has added two new midfielders to his squad - Gareth Owens (Brampton) and Scott Costello (Badshot Lea), said: "The goals we gave them in the first half were bizarre to say the least, but we composed ourselves and I would like to think recent results helped us to relax a bit.

"We still have a battle on our hands and there will be setbacks, but it's nice to get a bit of belief going."

Horndean's cause wasn't helped when goalkeeper Jack Stanbridge was forced off at half-time with a trapped sciatic nerve.

Midfielder Aaron Fennmore took over between the sticks and the Deans turned in a much-improved performance, partially atoning for what manager Dave Carter had dubbed: "Probably our worst 45 minutes of the season."

Horndean, though, bounced back brilliantly on Tuesday to prevent Alresford Town joining Newport IoW at the Sydenhams Premier summit.

Having fallen behind to a 29th-minute Steve Brown goal, the Deans almost fell victim to the same player just after the hour when Brown's header hit the crossbar.

But the home side rode their luck and equalised on 75 minutes when Tommy Woodward met a left-wing corner with a flying volley that powered past Magpies' keeper Jason Collins.

Then, in injury time, Paxton diverted Alex Miroy's cross into the far corner to complete an unexpected 2-1 victory for the Five Heads Park side.

The Deans were hoping to strengthen their midfield this week with the signing of playmaker George Way from Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

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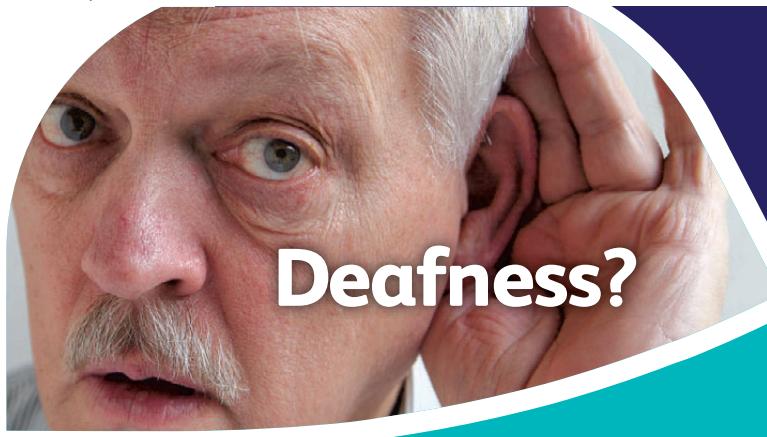
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Youth Football

High five for Testwood Sports Academy

TOTTEN-BASED Testwood Sports Academy are through to the fifth round of the English Schools FA Premier League Under-16 Cup after an entertaining 5-2 win over Queen Elizabeth School, Wimborne.

Testwood ought to have scored direct from the kick off when Ryan Hartley screwed his shot wide with only the QES goalkeeper to beat, but atoned when he combined with the influential Matt Worthington to set up the opening goal for Liam Bushrod soon after.

QES goalkeeper Ryan Webb made a string of fine saves throughout the match and kept Testwood at bay before Ben White put the Wimborne visitors level.

Testwood took a grip on proceedings with two strikes in quick succession – Worthington restoring their lead before central defender Kristian Longman made it 3-1 with a header from a corner.

QES refused to lie down with White, top scorer in Poole & East Dorset's ESFA Under-15 Trophy quarter-final side last season, cutting the lead with a crisp left-foot shot on the turn.



TRIUMPHANT TESTWOOD: Back row (from left): Ryan Hartley, Matt Worthington, Kristian Longman, Callum Stanton, Ben Roberts, Ryan Lomax, Andy Huggett. Front: Kane Barry, Liam Bushrod, Dylan Gain, Connor Richards, Dan Richardson.

The turning point of the tie came early in the second half when White, with an opportunist hat-trick beckoning, scuffed a penalty kick wide of

Callum Stanton's right-hand post.

Testwood made the most of their good fortune and, soon after both Worthington and

Longman had gone close, Connor Richards made it 4-2.

It was one-way traffic after that with Andy Huggett setting up a second goal for Bushrod.

Mole holes Winch cup hopes
WINCHESTER College are out of the Boodles ISFA Cup after a 2-0 third round defeat by Hammersmith-based Latymer Upper in midweek.

The college boys were chasing the game from the off, having fallen behind inside two minutes when Carlo Mole ran on to a flick from Thomas Savage and calmly slotted the ball home.

Winchester's play was full of endeavour and twice in the first half when they were bossing the game they had chances cleared off the Latymer line.

The match lacked finesse and was scrappy in the main part – a late strike by Sam Smith ending Winchester's dreams once and for all.

Latymer Upper will visit Bradfield College in the quarter-finals.

Sweet 16 for Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE Schools are through to round two of the ESFA Inter-County Under-16 Cup without kicking a ball in anger.

Somerset, their first round opponents, pulled out of the national competition, giving Hampshire a free passage to Worcestershire in the second round.

Kings' home comfort

THE KINGS' School Winchester have two home English Schools' FA PlayStation Cup matches beckoning.

The under-14s host Aldershot-based Weydon on Monday (2.45pm), while in the under-15 cup, Kings' entertain Queensmore Hill, from Islington on a date to be arranged.

THE GREAT ENTERTAINERS

ENTERTAINMENT seems the byword when Peter Symonds play at home in the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League – and Wednesday's eight-goal shoot-out with Bournemouth & Poole lived up to its billing.

Peter Symonds won it 5-3 but, had more of the welter of chances created been taken, referee Huw Evans would have called for a new notebook, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

PSC midfielder Bouwe Bosma and B&P's Ryan Hayward traded goals inside the opening eight minutes and Matt Morris ought to have put the visitors in front when his low left-foot drive struck the base of the upright.

Peter Symonds proceeded to strike the upright twice themselves before benefiting on two calamitous goalkeeping errors.

Jordan Price put PSC in front before Ryan Crockford made it 3-1 a minute or two later.

Tyler Rutter – arguably the best player on the park and making his comeback after suffering nasty facial injuries at Itchen – scored a well taken goal to put Bournemouth & Poole back in it.

But the joy was shortlived as Rob Payne, looking a yard or two off-side, soon restored PSC's two-goal cushion.

To their credit, Bournemouth hit back again through Joe Kimber and, with any luck, might have scored twice more with Rutter denied on both counts.

Eventually Peter Symonds round-



ABOVE: Bouwe Bosma scores the opener for Peter Symonds College (yellow/blue). Order no: 17486765

LEFT: Peter Symonds College's Tom Rock collides with a Bournemouth & Poole player. Order no: 17486794

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ed it off with a fifth goal from a free kick.

Sholing goalkeeper Matt Brown, who coaches the B & P team said: "The players showed great character to get back into game in the second half, but in football you cannot afford to gift

equalise before half-time and, after a fairly even second period, hit the woodwork late on. Itchen won 2-1.

Richard Taunton overcame a boggy surface to beat Alton 3-1.

Coach Tom Barge paid tribute to Rhys Ferguson, who marshalled the defence well.

Will Moore, Abel Sarmento Carneiro De Almeida and Josh Chapman hit the target for RTC, with Alton scoring a late consolation goal.

Alton II turned round a two-goal deficit to beat RTC reserves 3-2, while the third team match ended 2-2.

Poole Grammar coach Dan Crutchley said his side's 3-0 win over Basingstoke was the best they had played so far this season.

"We wasted a lot of chances in the first half, but scored three times in ten minutes soon after half-time to win the game," he said.

An Alex Martin brace, coupled with a single strike by Chris Wilcox, gave PGS the points.

Queen Mary's shrugged off the effects of conceding an early goal to St Vincent, but eventually ran out 6-1 winners.

Once Ed Quick got their equaliser, they dominated the game and further goals by Jack Green (2), Quick again, Darren Rogerson and Nathan Maggs gave QMC an emphatic scoreline.

Wednesday's fixtures: Basingstoke v Totton, Bournemouth v Bournemouth & Poole, Brockenhurst v St Vincent, Farnborough v Sparsholt, Havant v South Downs, Peter Symonds v Alton, Queen Mary's v Itchen, Richard Taunton College v Poole Grammar.

Non-league Football

BTC break duck

BTC Southampton won their first match of the season in the weekend's only Premier division game to survive the weather.

Josh Graham and Joe Connery scored the goals as AFC Hiltingbury were beaten 2-0.

AFC Hiltingbury's reserve side lost 3-0 at home to Lowford, for whom Ben Crook scored twice and John Hatfield once.

Simple for Simon

CAPITAL salvaged a Junior 3 point against Wellow thanks to an injury-time equaliser from two-goal Simon Avery.

Avery scored twice to deny Wellow the win that would have taken them above their hosts into second place behind AFC Botley.

Matt Codling looked to have secured Wellow all three points following Stuart Skeates' earlier goal, when he gave them a 2-1 lead in the 86th minute.

But Avery's late leveller meant the gap at the top was trimmed to seven points.

Sandell walks it

JUNIOR 4 leaders Athletico Romsey knocked Mitre off the top of the table with a 6-1 thumping of their nearest rivals.

George Haynes and Matt Sandell both scored twice and there was also a goal apiece for Pete Southwick and Matt Bundy.

Joe Watts scored the only goal for Mitre, who are a point adrift in second following their second defeat of the season.

Common go top

COLDEN Common went top of Veterans A with a 4-0 win away to Baddeley Park.

Matt Webb, Lee Bishop, Norman Steel and Alan Darling all scored as Common's fifth win in seven games took them above Hedge End Rangers into top spot.

Bottom-of-the-table R S Winchester suffered their sixth defeat in as many games losing 2-1 to Locks Heath, for whom Craig Finch and Dave Hepple both scored.

Leaders held

THE top-of-the-table Veterans B clash finished all square.

Leaders Michelmersh & Timsbury drew 2-2 with Totton Old Boys, who remain a point adrift having played a game more.

Paul Bran and Ross Porter netted for Totton OB, while Mark Turnbull and Hassan Erdnic scored the goals for Michelmersh & Timsbury.

Regents Park won the only other game to survive the weather, beating Priory Rovers 5-0 thanks to a brace of braces from Mick Dear and Alex Totten and one goal for Martin Richardson.

Hamble on high

HAMBLE Club went top of the Veterans Over-40 league with a 3-0 win against Redlynch & Woodfall, who drop to third, thanks to goals from Colin Elkins, Tony Butler and Roger Woodhouse.

Winchester Old Boys recorded an impressive second win of the season by beating Langley Manor 5-3 thanks to a brace of goals from Marcus Chapman and strikes from Matt Stilwell, Andy Davis and Andy Mills.

Langley Manor, the top scorers across all the divisions, netted through Barry Ronald, Mark Hughes and an own goal.

Drew Smith Group Southampton League spotlight

Simon Walter

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HUMBLE Plumb celebrated their best result of the season last weekend – a postponement!

The aptly-named Bitterne pub side has suffered a rude awakening in its first season in the Drew Smith Veterans Over-40 League, conceding 76 goals in seven games.

But with their match one of several to fall victim to the weather last week, many of their players took the chance to watch Saints Hull City 4-1 followed by their regular post-match meal at the popular pub in Commercial Road, Bitterne.

Landlord Steve Bryne, who plays in central midfield, helps run the team with his partner, Sarah Ephgrave, the club secretary.

He said: "We started playing indoor football and decided we wanted more of a challenge, but we didn't expect the standard to be as high as it is!"

"We thought it would be a good introduction to playing 11-a-side again but it's been a bit of a shock."

"A couple of our players have played at a good level before and we expected other teams to have some decent players, but thought the pace would be a lot slower."

"We've been up against some of the fittest 40-year-olds I've ever

**'It would be nice
to get a draw
at some point'**

seen! I think some of the teams we've played would do well in the Junior Leagues."

Humble Plumb's scheduled match against Wildern Old Boys at Wide Lane last week was one of many washed out.

"It was our best result of the season and we all met up at the

pub afterwards to celebrate," laughs Steve, who is already looking ahead to next season.

"We may enter again next year or try playing in one of the Junior Leagues, because we have a few younger lads who are keen and a lot of our players are season-ticket holders at St Mary's, so we may look at the possibility of playing on a Sunday."

"But we want to get to the end of this season first. Hopefully we'll become a bit more competitive – and it would be nice to get a draw

at some point!"

Last week's 12-1 defeat to Langley Manor was a cause for celebration.

"When Gary Miller scored our first goal from open play it was like winning the World Cup!" chortles Steve.

"We actually took the lead with our first goal, a penalty scored by Chris Kelly, but went on to lose 10-1!"

"Our heaviest defeat is 17-0. If we don't concede double figures it's good times!"

But most of us still have smile on our face at the end of the game, whatever the score.

"I think we'd have conceded twice as many goals if it wasn't for the two goalkeepers we've had, one of whom is now out with a knee injury."

**'If we don't concede
double figures
it's good times'**



BAPTISM OF FIRE: Humble Plumb over-40s.

POSTPONEMENT IS 'BEST RESULT OF THE SEASON'

Drew Smith Group Southampton Football League tables (not including this weekend's games)

Premier Division	Junior 1	Junior 3	Veterans A	Veterans O-40
P W D L F A Pts	P W D L F A Pts	P W D L F A Pts	P W D L F A Pts	P W D L F A Pts
Cadnam United 5 4 1 3 8 13	AFC Gulf Western 5 4 0 1 19 7 12	AFC Botley 7 7 0 0 30 3 21	FC White Horse 7 5 1 1 22 13 16	Michelmersh & T 8 4 3 1 19 11 15
Bishopstoke WMC 8 4 1 3 18 24	Chamberlayne AFC 5 4 0 1 17 10 12	New Forest Res 5 4 0 1 21 8 12	Thompson FC 7 4 2 1 34 12 14	Totton OB * 9 4 3 2 22 16 14
Comrades 4 4 0 0 21 2 12	Chandlers Ford 4 2 1 1 12 5 7	Capital 7 4 2 1 15 14 14	BTC Soton A 6 4 0 2 24 23 12	AFC Stoneham 7 4 1 2 22 9 13
Soton University 7 1 4 2 17 14 7	West Totton 5 2 1 2 9 7 7	Priory Rovers 7 4 1 2 18 12 13	Waltham Wolves 7 4 0 3 17 20 12	Regents Park 6 4 1 1 20 8 13
Netley Central Sept 6 2 1 3 9 12 7	Compton 5 2 1 2 10 16 7	Wellow 8 3 2 3 21 19 11	Brayfield Res 9 2 1 6 14 22 7	BTC Soton Vets B 3 3 1 1 12 10 12
AFC Hiltingbury 7 2 1 4 7 16 7	Osborne 7 2 1 4 12 20 7	AFC Phoenix XI 6 2 1 3 10 12 7	Langleys Manor Vets 5 3 0 2 17 16 9	Langley Manor Vets 8 2 2 4 16 22 8
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BTC Soton 5 1 3 1 6 11 6	FC Wellington 5 1 1 3 4 11 4	Otterbourne A 8 2 0 6 13 28 6	South Coast Sports 4 1 0 3 9 16 3	Royal Mail 8 1 2 5 12 21 5
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Hedge End Town 4 0 0 4 4 16 0		AFC Nemesis 7 0 1 6 12 32 1		Compton Vets 5 0 2 3 7 22 1
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Brayfield 7 5 1 1 20 13 16	Mitre 7 4 2 1 17 19 13	Hedge End Rangers 7 4 1 2 10 6 13	BTC Soton O-40 7 4 3 0 32 16 15	
London Airways 7 4 1 2 16 18 13	New Forest 4 3 1 0 17 7 10	Sporting BTC 5 4 0 1 18 5 12	Redlynch & Woodfall 6 5 0 1 23 12 15	
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DREW SMITH RESULTS AND SCORERS IN MONDAY'S ECHO

Non-league Football

Martinez-Garcia double wins point

SOUTHAMPTON Saints G&L FC under-13s were held to a 2-2 draw at Boscombe Albion Arrows.

Saints started the strongest, with numerous chances on goal from striker Carmen Martinez-Garcia. Katie Johns had a shot blocked by an Albion defender and then again for the rebound that went agonisingly wide.

With Boscombe catching out the Saints defence on the break, it was Baylie Kelly at the back who stood strong and ended any chance they had on the Saints goal.

Goalkeeper Molly Lowe also came out strong and confident off her line and showed that she wasn't going to be beaten easily.

On 22 minutes Martinez-Garcia

broke the deadlock with a very composed finish into the bottom right corner. Soon after Libby O'Dell came close but the Boscombe keeper managed to parry her shot away.

More chances from the Saints lead to Boscombe looking shaky at the back early in the second half but the hosts caught Saints on the break to level before one of their



Non-league News

Super Bowl

CITY of Southampton Sunday League side Bush Hill Newton Heath 1977 were trimmed 5-4 by River Bowl in the second round of the Hampshire FA Intermediate Cup.

Wade Wilson, Matt Headington (2) and Jake Evans netted the goals for Bush.

In the only other tie, Ryan Smith netted a hat-trick as Sherfield English scraped past Wicor Mill 3-2.

AFC Bursledon KO'd HSC Southern Stars 4-0 in the first round of the DR Trophy. Lewis Crook netted a brace, Sean Nutbeam and Adam Barrett also scored.

The clash between the Titans and Bridge AFC ended in latter collapsing during extra time as the former won 3-1. David Lloyd, Sam Martin and Sam Keyte scored. James Shirley responded.

In Junior Division Three, Sky Blues are reaching for the stars after they clouted AV Chivas 6-1 for their first win of the season. Dan Scott, Nick Davis (2), Joe Dudley, Sean Moss and Bradley Snelling scored. Jon Andrews replied.

In Junior Division Five, Cherbourg lost their je ne sais quoi as they drew with strugglers Burridge AFC 1-1. Falah Hassan slammed netted. Dan Smith responded.

Bitterne Ducks continue to take Junior Seven by storm as they beat Testwood Tornadoes 5-2. Michael Thomas winged home a hat-trick - Chris Pye and Carl Homes scored the others.

Rad-hot run

FORRESTERS AFC FC were felled 7-1 by Southampton and District Sunday Football League Division One leaders AFC Allbrook FC. Clive Radford (2), Gavin Mills, Lewis Morse, Luke Pilgrim and David Reading scored. Mark Blount replied.

Roll Call remain bottom despite beating C&G FC 4-0. Shahin Ban-Sad, Rich Brown, Matt Burt and Craig Lyons scored.

In Division Two, AFC West End put on a show as they beat Holbury United 4-1 to keep with high-fliers King George. George West was on target for Holbury.

Otter FC were put in a trance by Trants FC during their 4-1 defeat. They failed to dam their goal as Dan Petley knocked home a hat-trick and Scott Fellbrich scored. Jamies Blythe replied.

Refs' meet

FIRST class cricket umpire Neil Bainton is the guest speaker at the Southampton Referees' Association monthly meeting at The Dell Cafe, St Mary's Stadium, on Thursday evening (7.30pm).



KITTED OUT: Saints Under 12s sporting their new kit sponsored by Custom Design.

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SAINTS' MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Devilishly good performance ...

SOUTHAMPTON Saints G&L FC under-12s enjoyed 7-0 home rule over their Romsey counterparts at the Garrison Ground, Winchester.

Lacking a permanent keeper, Saints gave both Beth Turner and Sam Bradbeer stints in goal.

The ball spent a lot of the first half right in the centre of the pitch, although Saints eventually managed to get some attacks from midfield with Kia Anteney and Jennifer King up front testing a very strong Romsey keeper.

On 15 minutes, Anteney's found herself one-on-one and made no mistake with a neat finish into the top corner.

This gave Saints confidence and Chloe Hussey was brought on, immediately using her strength to get a lot of joy down the right wing

SOUTHAMPTON Saints G&L FC under-11 Devils defeated Alresford 5-2 at home.

The Devils conceded an early goal after only six minutes but levelled just a minute later when Larissa White volleyed home in spectacular style from a corner.

Before half-time two further goals came from White and Charlotte Webb.

followed by a goal to make it 2-0. Just before half time, Anteney doubled her tally for the game to make it 3-0.

Saints rotated their players around and for the second half Bradbeer went in goal. Beth Turner came on at left midfield after spending the first half in goal and attacked from

Gutsy Alresford, continuing to put the Devils under pressure, secured a corner in the last minute of the half a scrambled the ball home at the near post to reduce their arrears to a single goal.

The second half saw plenty of end to end action with good passing skills and the Devils scored another two goals through White, to complete her hat-trick,

the off. Her first major impact came when she put a through ball behind the Romsey defenders for Anteney to run onto and get her hat-trick, quickly afterwards scoring her fourth and fifth goals of the game thanks to assists from Lisa Gilham and Grace Jenman.

Striker King also managed to get

and Webb with her second.

Both keepers pulled off some excellent saves, while Saints' midfield were active throughout and the defence solid, playing some excellent passes up field to keep the pressure away from their own goal.

Manager's players of the match: Larissa White and Charlotte Webb.

on the score sheet to make the final score 7-0.

Saints now have seven wins from seven games and a goal difference of plus 74.

Opposition player of the match: Lisa Gilham.

Saints manager's player of the match: Hannah Burroughs.



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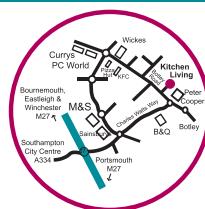
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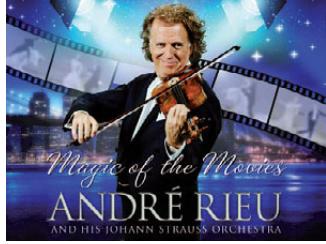


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Local Cricket Spotlight

Southampton Evening Cricket League awards dinner at The Ageas Bowl



TRANTS CC: Division Two winners.



HEDGE END HAWKS CC: SECL Division One champions.



COMMUNITY CC: The Harold Diaper Rose Bowl Trophy winners.



MSSC CC: Indoor Cup winners.



ORDNANCE SURVEY CC: Division Three winners.



TAKING THE MIC: Hampshire Cricket secretary Tim Tremlett conducts a post-dinner Q&A.



TOP DOG: Hedge End Jams' Phil Smith, the Indoor League's Batsman of the Year with 521 runs.



ABOVE: Friends CC captain Faisil Mutiti with the Division Four trophy.

LEFT: Mike Thomas was presented with the Indoor League's Bowling Award by SECL chairman Doug Perry after taking 19 wickets for Bitterne Ducks.



Local Cricket Spotlight

Southampton Evening Cricket League awards dinner at The Ageas Bowl



HEDGE END HAWKS: Indoor League Division Two winners.

HAWKS WIN BIG

THE Southampton Evening Cricket League celebrated the 2013 season with its annual awards dinner at The Ageas Bowl.

Fittingly, it was held in the Robin Smith Suite, the former Hampshire and England star having once been the SECL's most high-profile player, often turning out for Trants, the winners of this year's Division Two title, writes **SIMON WALTER**.

The awards were presented by Hampshire Cricket secretary Tim Tremlett, who also entertained and informed with a post-dinner Q&A.

Hedge End Hawks CC were the big winners on the night, picking up the Division One trophy and the Indoor League Division Two silverware.

There was also a minute's silence for two friends of the SECL, Gordon Grace and Colin Hayden, who both passed away this year.

Gordon was the league's first sponsor more than 35 years ago while vice-president



KINGPIN: Hedge End Hawks captain Dan Clark with the Division One trophy.

Colin fulfilled several roles over the years, including results and fixtures secretary, trophy secretary and presentation organiser.

The 82 year-old SECL has featured appearances from Saints legends Kevin Keegan and Ted Drake in the past and

is looking for new teams for the 2014 season.

It is also looking for another venue for its indoor league, on Monday evenings.

For more information, please contact SECL secretary Ian Meyer (ian3secl@btinternet.com).



SARISBURY A CC: Indoor League Division One winners.

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FRIENDS CC: Division Four winners.

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SOME of the most promising teenagers in Hampshire were honoured at the 24th Hampshire Schools Sports Federation awards this week.

As usual, Michael Austin Harlick Outstanding Sportsperson awards were handed out.

Harlick, a former Gosport resident, left his entire estate to Hampshire County Council.

This ex-prisoner of war left instructions that his estate should be used to establish a memorial fund in his name.

Michael Austin Harlick had no children of his own, and it is the children of Hampshire who are rewarded by his estate.

Essentially, his memorial fund is bequeathed to encourage achievement by school-aged children in sporting activities.

In addition, The Michael May Cup was handed out to the most outstanding single performer in any one year representing a county schools' sports association or affiliated county sports association.

May, who died in 1992, was a former secretary of Hampshire Schools' Cricket Association and a founder member of the Hampshire Schools' Sports Association (now Federation).

Awards were presented on the night by Hampshire Paralympian Olivia Green.

The 17-year-old Liphook girl was the second youngest to compete for Team GB at London 2012, winning a bronze medal in the 4 x 100m relay.

MICHAEL AUSTIN HARLICK AWARD WINNERS

Jack Boswell
(Frogmore Community College, Cross Country)

Jack represented the winning English national team in Wales.

He set a personal best for the 1500m during the English Schools Track and Field Championships in Birmingham.

Ethan Craik
(Harrison Road Primary School, BMX Racing)

Won the Southern Regional Series, racing in an age category a year above his own.

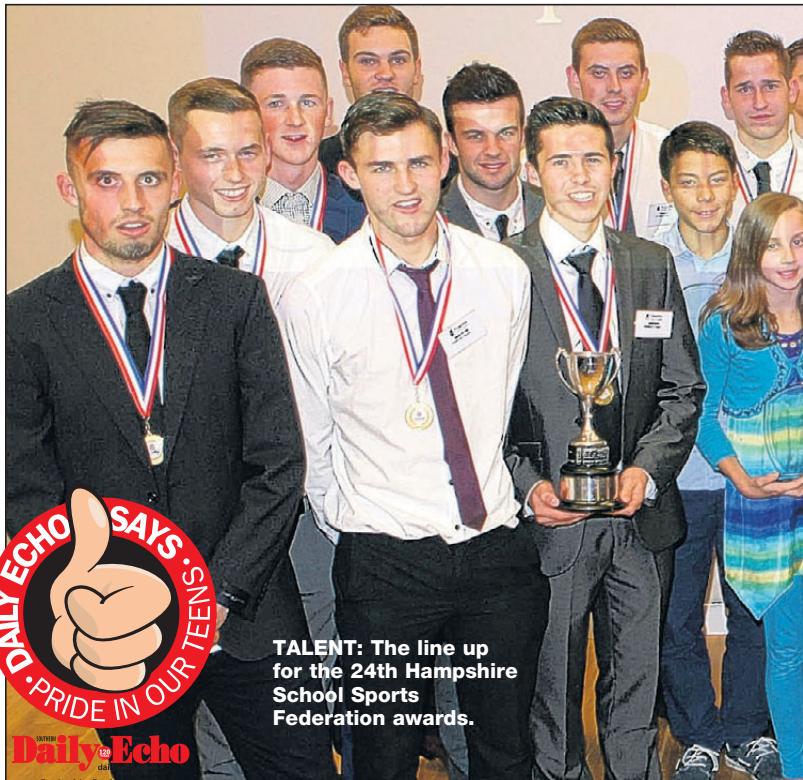
Ethan also stormed to the National series title, amazingly winning all 54 races in the series. He is aiming to compete at the World Championships next year.

Caelan Dillon
(Peter Symonds College, Hockey)

Caelan has played at county level for several years, playing in an age category a year above his own. He has been selected for the England U16 training camp and more recently for the England U18's.

Jack Durham
(Richard Taunton Sixth Form College, Trampolining)

Qualified for the National Finals in July. Enjoyed a superb season with many awards, including first in the British Colleges South East Regional



TALENT: The line up for the 24th Hampshire School Sports Federation awards.



ROSS GREEN



JOE MERCHANT

Championships and third place in the British Colleges National Finals.

He was captain of the winning South East team in the latter event.

Milo Gill-Taylor
(Ringwood Waldorf School, Sailing)

The youngest ever sailor to qualify for an Optimist Worlds team at the age of 11. He has now qualified for the Worlds team for the third year after winning the GB selection trials for the second year in a row. Currently the Senior national champion.

Ross Green

(Perins School, Badminton)

Won the Under-17 London Gold event and reached the semi-final of the Guernsey Senior Open before losing to the ex GB national champion.

Recently defeated a Number 6 ranked and senior England International player. Ross is currently ranked No 5 at singles and level doubles, and No 4 at Mixed Doubles in the country.

Has been selected to join the U17 England training camp.

Lydia Hume

(Itchen Sixth Form College, Squash)

Has represented her county and

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24th Hampshire Schools Sports Federation awards

AT SCHOOL AWARDS



LYDIA HUME



AMY LAYZELL



region at every level from Under-13 to currently Under-19. Ranked ninth nationally, Lydia is the only U19 girl player at this level in the county.

Oliver Jermy

(Horndean Technology College, Swimming) County age group champion and South East Region age group champion.

His season culminated in a silver medal at the ASA National Finals in the 400m Individual Medley.

Will swim at the World School Games in Brazil this month.

Ella Jones

(Treloar School, Disability Sports, Swimming)

Gained 11 personal bests this year and five silver medal.

Ella also achieved qualifying times for the 100m breast stroke and 50m back stroke, earning her a place at the National Finals last month.

Amy Layzell

(Kings' School, Gymnastics)

Part of Team Dynamo at the British Team Championships, Amy helped the team to finish seventh overall against a field of Olympic gymnasts.

She was second overall at the invita-

tional Wiltshire Open and gained gold on the Vault and Beam.

Despite injuries, Amy competed on all four apparatus at the Regional Espoir Championships and finished fourth overall, gaining a bronze at both Vault and Floor.

Joe Marchant
(Peter Symonds College, Rugby)

A county player since U14 level, Joe was this season awarded International honours, representing England Colleges. Although a true team player, Joe scored all 27 points in the Peter Symonds College win in the BCS Plate Final.

He is captain of the 1st XV for the current season and recently scored a try for London Irish's 1st XV.

Jeamy Navarro-Schrank
(St Anne's Catholic School, Taekwondo)

Introduced to Olympic Style Taekwondo just five years ago, Jeamy is the current British national champion in her category.

This season she has reached the quarter finals at the US Open in Las Vegas, and was selected to represent Team GB at the European Championships.

She won gold at the International Youth Cup in Germany and gold at the British National Championships.

Leslie Parkes

(Cowplain Community School, Athletics) Selected to throw the hammer at the English Schools Championships in Birmingham, Leslie won with a personal best throw. *Continued on page 44*



ELLA JONES



JEAAMY NAVARRO-SCHRANK



BRADLEY SUTTON



LESLIE PARKES



ETHAN CRAIK

TURN BACK TO PAGE 35 FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL

24th Hampshire Schools Sports Federation awards



TEAM OF THE YEAR: Brockenhurst College First XI football.

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

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This lead to him gaining his International vest in Dublin, where he finished fifth.

Leslie also led the 4 x 100m relay team at the English Schools Championships to win.

Zoe Saunders
(Itchen Sixth Form College, Football)

Zoe makes a daily 80-mile round trip to attend the college's Academy of Sport.

She was selected as an under-age player for the British Colleges U19 National Team and toured internationally in 2012.

She played a key part in Itchen College's triple-winning season of 2012/13.

Bradley Sutton
(Brighton Hill Community College, Modern Pentathlon)

Ranked seventh in his age group, Bradley is now part of the English Talent Programme.

He represented Great Britain at the GB Youth International 2013 and was the Biathle World Tour champion in 2012.

Bradley Taylor
(Eggars School, Cricket)

At 16 years, Bradley became the youngest cricketer to appear in a county match for Hampshire since 1867 when he made his one-day debut against Bangladesh A at The Ageas Bowl.

He subsequently made his County Championship debut against Lancashire at Southport and took 4-64 in the second innings.

Elsa Wakeman
(King Edward VI School, Netball)

Selected for England U17 squad for the European Championships, Elsa was one of only two England players to play every quarter of



LINE UP: The Michael May Cup nominees.



CRICKET AWARD: Bradley Taylor.



ATHLETICS AWARD: Jack Boswell.

Libby McMorrow
(The Henry Beaufort School, Badminton)

Champion – U15 National Doubles 2013.

Letitia McMullen
Henry Cort Community College, Table Tennis

Team and Individual Gold Medallist at the Senior Schools International Championships, Isle of Man.

Jack Singh-Brar
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LONDON 2012 LEGACY AWARD 2013

Winner: Hannah Bryan (Peter Symonds College)

During the 2012/13 season, Hannah coached the girls' rugby team and was part of the coaching team for the British Colleges South East team at the British Colleges Games in Bath.

Hannah completed her coaching qualification at college and was pivotal in delivering a successful Special Needs Sports event at Peter Symonds College.

Currently coaching the Austrian national girls rugby team.



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every game and won a gold medal.

Aged 16, she was selected for England's U19 National Academy, winning a bronze medal in the U16 National Club Finals.

MICHAEL MAY CUP NOMINEES

Melissa Cavanagh
(Cams Hill School, Athletics)

Gold Medal Winner, Shot Put – English Schools' Championships, Birmingham 2013.

Kyle Finch
(Wildern School, Squash)

English U15 Number 1.
Winner – European U15 Squash Championships, Spain, May 2013

Elizabeth Hopkins
(St Anne's Catholic School, Swimming)

National Silver medallist – 200m Breaststroke, National Schools Champion and record holder – 400m Individual Medley, 200m Breaststroke and Relay.

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Simon Carter

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SPORTS EDITOR

FORMER Hampshire batsman George Bailey says he is confident his one-day form will carry over to the red-hot atmosphere of the Ashes stage.

Bailey's stunning performances at one-day international level in recent months have been rewarded with a debut in the Ashes series beginning next week.

In Brisbane, he will almost certainly come up against another thirtysomething taking part in his first Ashes Test - Bailey's former Ageas Bowl colleague Michael Carberry.

The Australia Twenty20 captain, pictured right and below, averages a superb 54.96 in one-day internationals.

In his last nine innings against England and India, he has belted an astonishing 651 runs at 81.3

But, as has been well documented, he was a major flop in the Sheffield Shield last summer while skippering Tasmania to the title.

He returned from India to make 34 and 41 in the Shield clash with Queensland last week - his only first class game since signing off his Hampshire career with 84 against Lancashire in late May.

But the 31-year-old says there will be no difference in his approach when he wears the Baggy Green for the first time at the Gabba.

"I don't really think of it that way," Bailey said.

"It's just good form, so just hit the ball."

"It's the same approach and I feel very comfortable with where I'm at at the moment."

Bailey insists his recent experiences in the international arena can only help him.

Hype

"Hopefully having done that, having faced all of the England bowlers over the last couple of years ... that will all hopefully be positive," he said.

Speculation had swirled since his Indian tally began to mount that he would bat at number six for Australia, with Tasmania teammate Alex Doolan considered his main rival.

Bailey never believed the hype.

"Most of the excitement came from the same people who have written me off for most of my career, so I wasn't that fussed by any of that," he said.

Bailey has been on his country's radar for more than a decade.

Back in 2001/02 he was part of the Australian Academy squad that faced New Zealand.

Among his teammates were Cameron White, Mark Cosgrove and former Hampshire all-rounder Dan Christian.

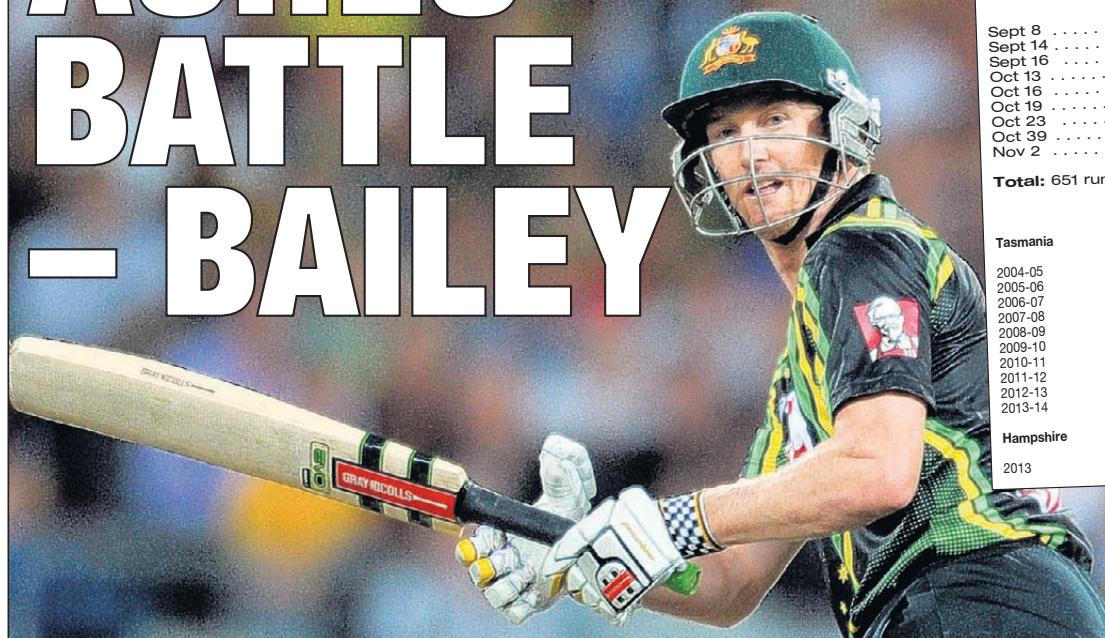
Steven Crook, a regular face in the English county game with Lancashire, Middlesex and Northants, was also in the squad.

Fast forward to the summer of 2006 and Bailey was included in the Australian Centre of Excellence squad, alongside the likes of David Warner, Aaron Finch and Peter Siddle.

Bailey was first seriously talked about as a potential Test batsman in the summer of 2010 after scoring 154 not out for Australia A in an innings victory over Sri Lanka A in Townsville.

Earlier in the year he had been called into Australia's ODI squad for the first time after skippering

I'M READY FOR ASHES BATTLE - BAILEY



Tasmania to the one-day cup in 2009/10.

He didn't play any part in that ODI series, but his captaincy for Tasmania so impressed the selectors that he was named Australia's Twenty20 captain in the 2011-12 season.

That made him the first player since Dave Gregory in the first Test match in 1877 to be named captain in his first match for Australia in any format.

With Australia's selectors crying out for batsmen to show more consistency, Bailey is one of the few to have done so this year.

Bailey celebrated his 31st birthday by smashing an impressive 82 off just 67 balls in Australia's big win over England in the second one-dayer in Manchester in September.

His knock was overshadowed by Michael Clarke's match-winning hundred, an apt summary of the public perception of the pair's performances over the past 12 months.

Clarke generally grabs the headlines - and rightly so, given he's clearly Australia's best batsman in both Test and one-day cricket - but Bailey's achievements with the bat in green and gold have consistently flown under the radar.

Not long into Bailey's ODI career, comparisons were being made between him and Michael Hussey.

It's

high praise for Bailey and perhaps a tad premature, especially given his first-class average currently sits at 38 compared with the phenomenal 15,313 runs at an average of 53 that was alongside Hussey's name before his Test debut.

However, there are certainly a few unavoidable parallels between the two batsmen.

Apprenticeship

Like Bailey, Hussey served a long apprenticeship in domestic cricket before eventually being handed his international debut in his late 20s, and took very little time to settle into the Australian setup.

While his Test career is what Hussey will be most remembered for, the man known as Mr Cricket made an equally important contribution in the one day arena.

Picking up where Michael Bevan left off,



Hussey was Australia's Mr Reliable in the middle and lower order, possessing the ability to salvage an innings when the Aussies were struggling, or push the team past 300 when attack was the order of the day.

Bailey is occupying a similar role with relish.

The question is this ... will Bailey have the opportunity to mirror Hussey's feats in Test cricket?

His impressive performances at international level this year have been in stark contrast to the sub-par showings put forward by 'generation next' players such as Usman Khawaja, Phillip Hughes and David Warner.

Until recent weeks, there was a strong argument Down Under that Bailey shouldn't even get a look-in at the Test selection table given his woeful stats from the last Sheffield Shield season, when he was 45th in the run-scorers tally with a miserable average of 18.

But stats are one thing, temperament another.

The Australia selectors have previously shown a willingness to pick players who they believe have what it takes to play Test cricket even if their stats don't necessarily warrant it, with James Faulkner's debut in the fifth Ashes Test a case in point.

With almost a decade of first-class cricket under his belt and a steadily growing international pedigree to boot, Bailey is in a strikingly similar place to where Hussey was before his Test debut.

Those who know Bailey well believe he will be a success at Test level.

His former Tasmania coach Tim Coyle, who has known Bailey since he was 14, said: "He disguises a grimace with a smile occasionally, don't be confused."

"He might show it slightly differently, but I

GEORGE BAILEY IN NUMBERS

		LAST NINE ODIs				
Sept 8		82	v England			
Sept 14		87	v England			
Sept 16		85	v India			
Oct 13		92*	v India			
Oct 16		43	v India			
Oct 19		98	v India			
Oct 23		156	v India			
Oct 39		4	v India			
Nov 2						
Total:		651	runs at 81.3			

FIRST CLASS CAREER

		FIRST CLASS CAREER							
		M	In	No	Rns	HS	Av	100	50
Tasmania		5	9	1	185	70	23.12	0	1
2004-05		10	18	0	778	155	43.22	3	2
2005-06		11	20	3	626	101	36.82	1	4
2006-07		10	19	2	734	104	43.17	1	7
2007-08		10	20	2	673	130*	37.38	2	2
2008-09		10	18	1	742	115	43.64	2	5
2009-10		11	18	2	487	160*	30.43	1	1
2010-11		9	15	2	724	117	55.69	3	3
2011-12		8	14	0	256	66	18.28	0	0
2012-13		1	2	0	75	41	37.50	0	0
Hampshire		M	In	No	Rns	HS	Av	100	50
2013		5	7	0	263	93	37.57	0	0

always knew what was bubbling underneath.

"He's certainly one of those guys who is very, very keen to enjoy what he's doing on and off the field when it comes to his cricket - it means he does smile a lot."

As a leader, Bailey is revered by state teammates who appreciate his honesty and selflessness.

Former Tasmanian colleague Ricky Ponting has described him as "one of those guys who brings teams together."

"His personality rubs off on everybody. Anyone who has played with him will know and understand that."

"He's got a lot of interests which mightn't sound like a rough and tough footballer or cricketer," says his father John Bailey.

Banned

"He likes his garden. When he comes home we talk a bit about cricket but he and his mother spend a lot of time walking around the garden in their house."

Bailey, though, isn't perfect. His father once banned him from playing in a tennis tournament at the age of 13 or 14 because he was unhappy with his son's behaviour.

"I think the racquet might have left his hand," says John Bailey.

"I'd like to think he learnt from it. I can't remember him ever doing it again."

When he was described by a TV executive as someone who would be "flipping burgers" if not for the money brought into the game by broadcast rights, Bailey told his father: "I think I would have moved on from flipping burgers, I think I would have been on the counter by now."

Bailey's genial disposition has occasionally been misinterpreted but, his father says, "underneath there's a very steely resolve."



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International Match

HOME		AWAY											
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		
Argentina.....	0	Ecuador.....	0	Wolves	16	6	1	1	16	6	2	0 14 5 39	
HT 0-0		Leyton O	16	6	1	1	17	6	6	1	1 19	7 38	
Equatorial Guinea L	Spain.....	HT L-L	Porterbo	15	5	1	2	9	7	5	1	1 16	5 32
Jamaica.....	0	Trinidad and Tobago. 1	Brentford	16	5	1	2	13	5	4	2	2 12	12 30
Guerra 5		Preston	16	3	4	1	12	9	5	2	1 12	7 30	
HT 0-1		Swindon	16	6	1	1	20	9	2	1	5 11	12 26	
Japan.....	2	Holland.....	Rotherham	16	2	4	2	11	13	4	2	2 13	9 24
Osaka 44		Bradford	15	4	1	2	15	6	2	4	2 9	8 23	
Honda 60		Walsall	15	2	2	3	7	10	4	2	2 10	5 22	
HT 1-2		Coventry	15	6	1	1	22	14	3	0	5 11	14 23	
Att 18,000		Crawley	16	4	1	3	10	11	1	4	3	9 12 20	
Wales.....	L	Finland.....	Gillingham	16	3	2	3	9	9	2	1	5 11	16 18

Barclays Premier League

HOME		AWAY									
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Arsenal	11	4	0	1	11	5	4	1	11	5	25
Liverpool	11	5	0	1	13	3	2	2	1	8	7 23
SAINTS	11	4	2	0	11	2	2	2	1	4	3 22
Chelsea	11	5	1	0	14	5	1	2	4	5 21	
Man Utd	11	3	2	1	8	5	3	0	2	10	8 20
Everton	11	3	2	0	6	3	2	3	1	8	7 20
Spurs	11	3	1	2	5	5	3	1	4	1 20	
Man City	11	5	0	20	0	2	1	1	4	8 10 19	
Newcastle	11	2	2	1	7	5	3	0	3	8 11 17	
W.B.A.	11	2	1	2	6	4	1	4	1	6	8 14
A. Villa	11	2	0	4	6	9	2	2	1	5	3 14
Hull	11	3	2	0	4	1	0	5	5	13 14	
Swansea	11	1	3	2	11	11	2	0	3	4	4 12
Cardiff	11	2	1	2	5	5	1	2	3	4 10 12	
Norwich	11	2	2	2	7	7	1	0	4	2 14 11	
West Ham	11	1	1	3	5	7	1	3	2	4	4 10
Stoke	11	1	3	1	3	1	4	7	11 10		
Fulham	11	1	1	3	5	9	2	0	4	5 10 10	
Sunderland	11	2	0	4	6	10	0	1	4	2 12 7	
Crystal P	11	1	1	4	4	10	0	0	5	2 11 4	

SkyBet Championship

HOME		AWAY									
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Burnley	15	5	3	0	15	4	5	1	11	6	34
Leicester	15	6	1	1	13	8	4	1	2	11	7 32
Q.P.R.	15	6	1	0	10	2	3	4	1	7	6 32
Blackpool	15	4	3	1	10	7	3	3	1	9	7 27
Nottm For	15	4	2	1	11	6	3	3	2	12	10 26
Reading	15	4	4	0	14	7	2	2	3	9	11 24
Watford	15	3	2	2	13	10	3	3	2	14	10 23
Leeds Utd	15	4	1	2	12	6	3	1	4	10	12 23
Derby Cty	15	2	3	3	13	14	4	1	2	16	9 22
Wigan	14	4	3	0	12	7	2	1	4	5 22	
Brighton	15	3	3	2	13	9	2	3	2	5 21	
Ipswich	15	4	1	2	12	6	1	4	3	11 14 20	
Blackburn	15	4	1	2	11	5	1	3	4	9 14 19	
CHERRIES	15	4	0	3	11	10	1	3	4	10 20 18	
Huddersfld	15	3	3	2	14	11	1	2	4	5 18 7	
Middlesbro	15	2	5	1	17	11	1	2	4	8 13 16	
Bolton	15	1	2	9	9	2	2	3	7	12 16	
Birmingham	15	2	1	4	10	7	2	1	5	7 15 14	
Charlton	14	1	3	3	5	8	2	3	7	10 14	
Millwall	15	2	2	3	10	12	1	3	4	8 19 14	
Doncaster	14	2	1	4	7	11	1	3	5	12 13	
Sheff Wed	14	1	3	2	10	9	0	5	3	7 14 13	
Barnsley	15	2	4	2	10	16	0	1	6	6 15 11	
Yeovil	15	1	1	6	4	10	1	2	4	5 12 9	

SkyBet League One

HOME		AWAY									
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brentford	5	Crewe	0	Oxford Utd	16	2	3	7	8	6	2 0 19 6 29
Trotta 43		Forshaw 46		Chesterfield	16	4	2	2	10	7	4 3 13 7 29
Saville 58		Donaldson 63,73		Rochdale	16	6	1	1	17	8	3 1 1 4 8 12 29
HT 1-0		HT 1-0		Fleetwood T	16	4	1	3	17	11	5 0 3 9 6 28
Carlisle	1	Crawley	1	Southend	16	4	1	3	10	6	4 1 3 10 8 26
Noble 47 pen		Clarke 88		Newport C	16	6	1	1	18	7	1 4 3 6 12 26
HT 0-0		Att 3,675		Dagenham	16	5	2	1	14	6	2 3 3 10 14 26
Colchester	1	Swindon	2	Morecambe	16	3	3	2	14	12	4 1 3 9 10 25
Okuonghae 78		Ajose 28		POMPEY	16	5	1	2	14	8	2 2 4 7 11 24
HT 0-1		N. Guessan 47		Exeter	16	4	0	4	9	11	3 3 2 11 8 24
Leyton O	0	Preston	1	Burton Albion	16	2	4	2	8	10	5 1 2 12 10 24
HT 0-1		Att 7,123		Scunthorpe	16	2	2	2	8	8	2 2 9 11 24
Notts Cnty	0	Wolves	1	Wycombe	15	3	1	4	10	11	3 2 2 11 8 21
HT 0-0		Ebanks-Landell 76		HT 0-0	16	2	3	3	9	9	2 1 2 10 8 26
Port Vale	3	Shrewsbry	1	Yorks	16	4	3	7	12	2	1 4 5 10 15 13
Robertson 23		McAlinden 59		HT 0-0	16	3	2	4	6	2	1 5 10 11 7 23
HT 2-0		Att 6,547		Airdrieonians	16	2	4	2	14	13	3 1 4 9 15 20
Sheff Utd	1	Gillingham	2	Cheltenham	16	2	4	2	14	13	3 1 4 9 15 20
Porter 19		Kedwell 7		POMPEY	15	4	0	3	11	9	1 5 2 12 17 20
HT 1-1		McDonald 47		Cheltenham	16	2	4	2	14	13	3 1 4 9 15 20
Stevenage	0	Rotherham	3	Cheltenham	16	2	4	2	14	13	3 1 4 9 15 20
HT 0-1		Pringle 14		HT 0-1	15	3	1	1	16	4	2 3 6 10 20 21
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HT 0-1		Att 2,814		St Johnsrh	13	5	1	1	16	4	1 2 3 6 10 21
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Riddehagh 41		Baldock 14		Partick	13	0	3	4	3	11	3 1 2 8 9 13
HT 1-1		Att 4,932		St Mirren	11	1	2	2	7	8	2 0 4 5 12 11
Hearts	13	2	1	3	4	8	1	1	5	6	12 9
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HT 1-1		Hearts deduc 15 points for entering administration		Hearts	13	2	1	3	8	9	1 5 6 11 -4

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HOME		AWAY									
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